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FRANCE AND BELGIAN NEUTRALITY BID

SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO VAN ZEELAND VISIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, Yesterday.

Much interest has been aroused here by the forthcoming visit to Paris of the Belgian Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland.

M. VAN ZEELAND WILL, IT IS BELIEVED, PRESENT TO THE QUAI D'ORSAY HIS EXPLANATION OF THE BELGIAN DESIRE FOR NEUTRALITY.

MANUFACTURE OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER

Factory Being Built In Germany

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Manufacture of synthetic rubber will be begun on a large scale next January at a factory now being built by the German Dye Trust.

The factory will be operated by Buna Limited, a new company which has just been formed with a share capital of 30,000,000 marks, most of which will be held by the German Dye Trust.

The new firm will be only concerned with manufacture of synthetic rubber by the "Buna" process, the patents for which are held by the German Dye Trust.

It is expected that the monthly output of the new factory will be roughly 2,000 tons, about 30 per cent. of the total German consumption of rubber every month.—Trans-Ocean.

Semi-official quarters in the French capital think that France, like Great Britain, is of the opinion that both countries would lose by not responding to Belgium's wishes for neutrality.

It is believed, however, that the agreement signed between the three countries on April 1 last year will continue to exist.

The French General Staff, says a newspaper article, considers it extremely important that France keeps Belgium friendly, so that in the event of war the French north-eastern armies may complete their development under the protection of the Belgian system of fortifications.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW WHAMPOA RAILWAY BRANCH LINE

\$7,000,000 Bond Used For Port Scheme

Canton, To-day.

It is reported that in connection with the plan for developing Whampoa, the issue of \$7,000,000 of Government bonds has been announced by the Executive Yuan.

The Whampoa sub-line of the Canton-Hankow Railway will be completed by the end of June, while the work of building the highway between Canton and Whampoa will be started this month.

It is stated that the plans for wharves and godowns of the proposed port are ready and the surveying of all the lands of the port will be started in the near future.—Our Own Correspondent.

COAST DEFENCE GUN PRACTICE

Coast defence gun practice with live ammunition will take place from Stonecutters Island, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., on Monday, 8th March, 1937.

Practice may also take place from Stonecutters Island between 6.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday, 8th March, 1937; and between 9.30 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9th and 10th March, 1937.

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution was held yesterday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman:—Mr. G. W. Grey, F.S.I., F.R.I.B.A.

Vice Chairman:—Mr. A. E. Lisaman, F.S.I., M.I.M. & Cy. E.

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Hon. Secretary:—Mr. J. E. Richardson, F.S.I.

COLONY'S VITAL STATISTICS

Seventy-three Deaths From Tuberculosis

Eleven new diphtheria cases, with three deaths, were reported to the Health Department during the week ended February 27, the incidence of the outbreak showing no signs of diminution.

Tuberculosis took a heavy toll of life, 73 deaths being ascribed to this disease, while there were five fatal dysentery cases, six cerebro-spinal fever cases (two deaths) and six typhoid cases (two deaths).

Monday's Return

During Monday, two further diphtheria, four further cerebro-spinal fever cases and three new dysentery cases were reported to the Health Officer.

THE WORLD GOES BY

If you see a sinister figure slinking about town wearing a very bushy and obviously dyed purple beard, tinted glasses and a cynical smile, you will know it is me.

There are no prizes for spotting me. I'm just telling you all this because I thought you would like to know.

There are three reasons why I may don this disguise and appear bearded like the pard in the streets of the Colony.

1. To escape from the shroffs.
2. To ditto from my large and admiring public.
3. I have joined the Secret Service.

The first two points call for no explanation. Even if they did I wouldn't give you any. But the third obviously must be expanded upon.

The fact is that my old friend Dr. Bughaus (Devil Take Him) of Pogranitchnaya is back in the Colony.

Seeing me in the Hong Kong Hotel the other night he called for a round of drinks, handed me the chit and dragged me off to wash our hands. Unfortunately it proved to be the wrong room but this little difficulty was straightened out by stunning the hysterical amah and charting a less erratic course.

Having arrived in the right compartment, so to speak, Dr. Bughaus revealed his plan to me. The room was crowded so he shouted his information. You can fool your opponent by doing the obvious, he said, when I reproached him for this most un-Secret Service-like proceeding. So there are now at least a dozen people in Hong Kong who know what I look like and that I am a Secret Service agent, but I don't think he fooled them.

But they don't know what Power I am working for (I don't myself) and so will be completely bamboozled.

The first thing to do, the Doctor told me, was to obtain information. This surprised me but then I am easily surprised. Hopefully I suggested that I knew someone who had seen some guns in Hong Kong about fifteen years ago, and would this do? No, it wouldn't, said the Doctor. No self-respecting Secret-Serviceman would take the plunge and ferret for information immediately. Why all the hurry?

Rather should we first investigate the bars and cabarets. Here, he said, we would find rival Secret Service agents of all nationalities. I broke the news to him with tears in my eyes that there were no real cabarets in Hong Kong (like myself, the Doctor was brought up on the more meaty variety as found in the China coast ports) but he said bars would do, so we started.

Beer, said the Doctor, was an important commodity in time of war and should be investigated thoroughly. We investigated thoroughly.

At 1 a.m., or thereabouts when a heartless barman threw us out, we were seeing rival Secret Service agents by the dozen. They wouldn't stay still and we had some difficulty in grabbing hold of them. The Doctor thought he had captured one ("I've got the swine, a rat-faced

THE FLOWER SHOW

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a constant flow of visitors to the 1937 flower and vegetable show of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society yesterday.

The display is one of the best of recent years despite the somewhat erratic weather conditions. It will continue open to the public to-day until 4 p.m.

The following were the winners of the different Challenge Cups:

Pot Plants (Open):—Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

Pot Plants (Peak):—Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Vegetables (Open):—Lady Ho Tung.

Vegetables (Peak):—Matilda Hospital.

Cut Flowers (Open):—Sir Alfred Des Voeux.

Cut Flowers (Peak):—Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Lady Peel Challenge Cup for general exhibits:—Mrs. J. T. Bagram.

Lady Southern Challenge Cup for most meritorious exhibit:—Mr. Eu Tong-sen.

FRENCH NAVAL EXPANSION

Bigger Brest Base Necessary

Paris, To-day.

The French naval base at Brest is to be considerably enlarged in the near future, according to the newspapers.

The action follows the recent visit to Brest of the Chief of the French Admiralty Staff.

Extension of the port's docking facilities has become an urgent necessity, the papers say, in view of the new French battleships which are now being constructed and which will be based on Brest. — Trans-Ocean.

A number of heavy-bombers, believed to be German, passed over Innsbruck in the direction of Italy.

little so-and-so he is too," he yelled) but it was me. Fortunately he was drunk so I did not resent the epithets.

This merry little game went on for what seemed to be hours. Every now and then the road would rise and hit us in the face, which we thought most unsporting but could do nothing to remedy.

Eventually the Doctor suggested going to his hide-out, where, he said, he had a complete arsenal of all the infernal devices necessary to start a revolution.

When we arrived at the hide-out (I can only tell you that it is in Kowloon—further revelations would be most indiscreet) the Doctor revealed staggering news.

This news, a complete and utter scoop for the "China-Mail," is that La Carioca, most glamorous spy in Europe and heroine and/or villainess of a dozen international incidents, is in Hong Kong.

But the "China-Mail" to-morrow for further revelations in this sensational development. We are publishing an exclusive eye-witness story by all our staff reporters, editor, sub-editor and manager. You must not miss this marvel of the age! Read it in the "China Mail."

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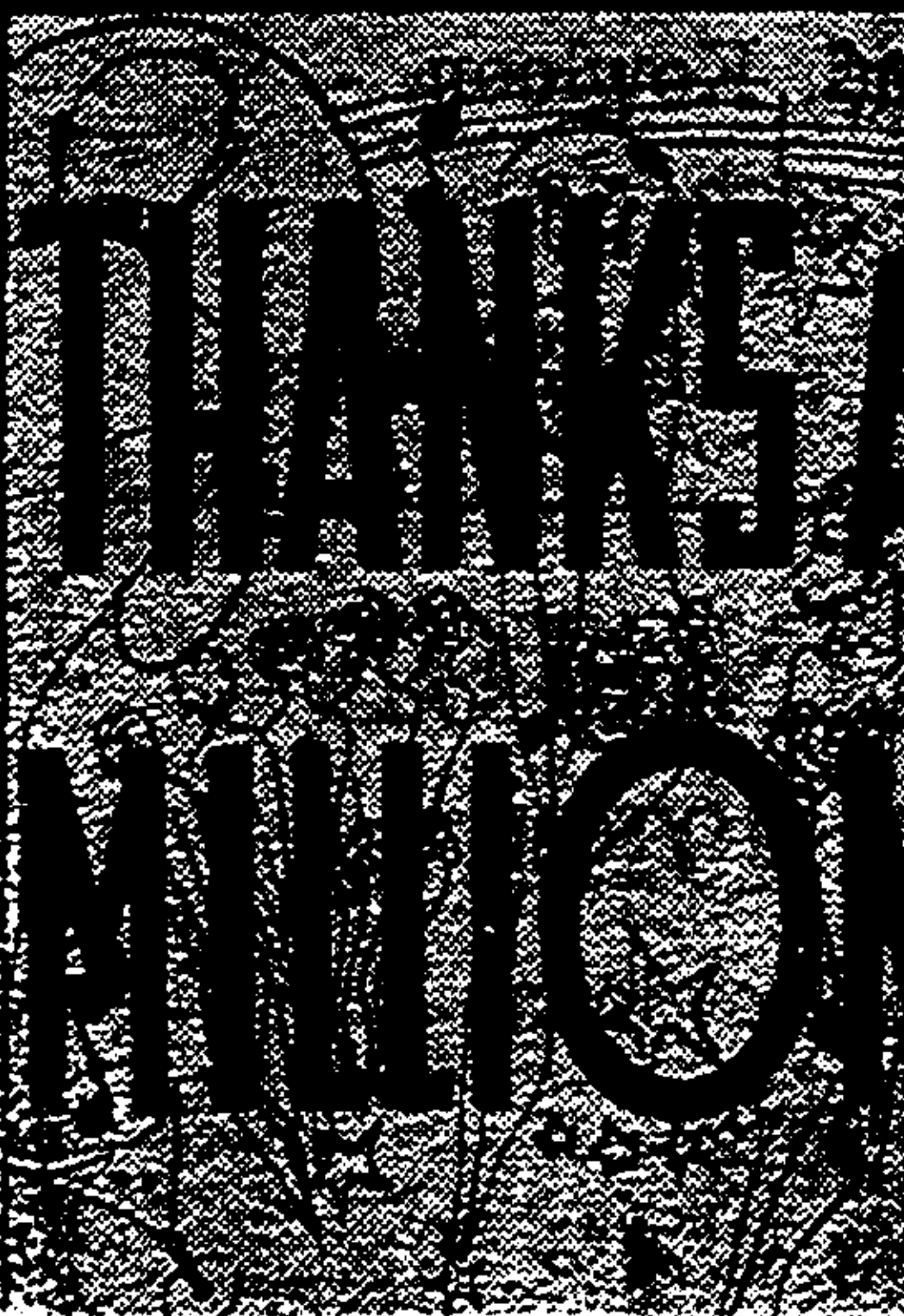
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VALUABLE EXHIBITION AT THE POST OFFICE

LITTLE DANGER OF HARM IF YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO

Most people have at the back of their minds, a deep-rooted terror of poison gas. Leading politicians all over the world have, for some time, been impressing on the people of their countries the horrible, agonising deaths in store for them in the gas-attacks of the next war.

In some things, the old adage, "ignorance is bliss" has its justifications. In the case of gas, the authorities maintain, the opposite is correct, namely, forewarned is forearmed.

In support of that contention, a big drive is being made to make the population of Hong Kong "gas-conscious" and with that end in view, an exhibition is now being held on the first floor of the Post Office building, where models are displayed to illustrate preventive measures, and the steps that would be taken should a raid occur.

Dr. and Mrs. Dovey are on hand to explain the ways and means of protecting oneself by constructing gas-proof rooms and the steps to be taken in the event of being caught in an infected zone.

DECONTAMINATION

The first model displayed is a decontamination centre for workers in gas-infected areas. It shows a structure where these people change into gas-suits before embarking on the day's work. On returning, they use another entrance, first deposit-

ing all their outer clothing in bins provided for that purpose, outside the building. They then enter a long rectangular room with a long bench down the centre where they have to be undressed by other individuals in protected clothing.

Having divested the protective clothing, the next step is the hot showers where the whole body is thoroughly cleansed. An adjoining room provides further showers if required and then the thoroughly clean workers, pass along a passage to the locker room where they had deposited their clothing on arrival.

"VILLAGE" MENACE

The next model is that of a village situated in a small valley through which a concrete path and a macadam road pass. Craters mark spots where gas and explosive shells are supposed to have burst and the danger areas are pegged out and the infected houses marked with white-wash. Sign-posts dotted about, of some material sensitive to the presence of gas, remain pink while gas is still present in the air.

Another interesting exhibit is a model of the M.O.'s flats at the new Queen Mary Hospital. It is demonstrated how a room, preferably on the lee side of a building, can be made entirely gas-proof with very little trouble or expense. An air-lock, a concertina-like contraption, constructed of heavy union blanketing, is fitted over the door of the room; windows are shuttered and sealed with putty; the fireplace is stuffed with paper and the room is now capable of accommodating a large number of people for a considerable length of time.

CELLAR REFUGE PERIL

Another important point illustrated by means of a visible gas in a glass-fronted model, is the danger of seeking refuge in cellars when gas is present.

Gas nearly always sinks to the lowest level possible and it is stressed that it is far better to run the risk of being the victim of explosive shells than to go down into the cellar and be gassed.

More elaborate models show the structure that would be built to decontaminate the general population in the event of a raid while the slightly wounded and more seriously wounded have separate accommodation.

The net result of a visit to the exhibition, is a feeling of confidence that with a respirator and a jar of vaseline and a few simple precautions, it is possible to face any gas attack which might materialise, with a feeling that one cannot come to great harm. For this reason, the public is strongly urged to take this opportunity, which is only available for two days, of paying a visit.

PLAYGROUND FOR CANTON

At a Provincial Council meeting yesterday, the Kwangtung Government decided to allow \$250,000 in the budget of this year to build a public playground in the Eastern suburb of Canton.

Hira Singh, a watchman at the A.P.C. installation was admitted to the G.C.H. suffering from a fractured right arm allegedly inflicted by another Indian.

Hawaiian Melody From The Studio By Waikiki Trio

To-day's Wireless

Vocal Gems From Verdi's "Aida" & "La Traviata"

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—A Military Concert.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.
1.18 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—The Music of Verdi, 1813-1901.
Vocal Duet—
"Aida"—The fatal stone
Rosa Ponselle (Soprano) and Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor).
Tenor Solos—"Otello"—
Heaven, had it pleased thee to try me,
Death of Otello... Renato Zanelli.
Soprano Solo—
"Aida"—O skies cernlean,
Dusolina Giannini.
Vocal Duet—
"Aida"—Heaven! my father!
Dusolina Giannini & Giovanni Inghilleri (Baritone).
Band—"La Traviata"—
Drinking Song and Gypsy Chorus.
Prelude—Act III—Creator's Band.

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7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
"Guyana" (Perez, Freire)—
Ay, ay, ay,
Standchen (Strauss).
Other Days (Selection of popular melodies), (arr. Finck).
Der Kasper (De Groot).
Evensong (Easthope Martin).
Desert Song—Waltz (Romberg).
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Sam Brown (Baritone) in Four Light Songs.
1. Gypsy Violin.
2. A little bit independent.
3. Alone.
4. Let's face the music and dance.
8.15 p.m.—London—The Story of the Gramophone. Produced by Pascoe Thornton (Electrical Recording).
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—Concerto No. 4 in D Minor, Op. 31 (Vieuxtemps), Played by

Heifetz (Violin) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by John Barbirolli.
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1st Movement—Andante.
2nd Movement—Adagio religioso.
3rd Movement—Scherzo and trio.
4th Movement—Allegro.
9.40 p.m.—From the Studio. Hawaiian Melodies by the Waikiki Trio.
1. Waikiki Hula.
2. Underneath the palms.
3. Violets.
4. Isles of aloha.
5. Hawaii across the sea.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.

Fox-Trot—
Talking through my heart.
You came to my rescue.
Ostrich Walk.
Blum's fine blues.
To you, sweetheart.
With love.
Night in Manhattan.
Here's love in your eye.
Cabin on the hill top.
Mendel's son's swing song.
Waltz—Close to me.
Fox-Trot—
Front page news.
Oh, by Jingo.
Seat singing—Sue.
You turned the tables on me.
The stars weep.
Heart of gold.
It's raining in California.
Waltz—Midnight Waltz.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Slam Bidding

You should begin to think about a slam:

1. When the honour tricks that you hold, combined with the honour tricks that your partner has shown by his bids, equal at least six and one-half.

2. When you can be certain that you and your partner together hold a strong trump suit in which not more than one trick can be lost.

This means either that one partner must have a long, nearly solid suit or a rebiddable suit which has been raised; or that a player has such strong support for his partner's suit that, even if it is a weak four card suit, he knows that it is nearly solid.

Adequate trump support such as Q x x or x x x x is not enough unless the suit has been rebid. But if your partner bids a suit and you hold something like K x x x or K J x x, you may assume a trump suit which is sufficiently strong for slam purposes.

But you do not bid a slam simply because you can count six and one-half honour tricks and a strong trump suit. This is simply the starting point. The important consideration of suit controls and enough playing strength still must be investigated.

Safety Plays

Safety plays offer a fascinating study to the midnight oil burners of contract. Here is one that I have not seen before.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S—Q 8 7 2

H—8 5 4

D—A Q 6

C—10 7 3

WEST

EAST

S—9

S—K 6 4 3

H—J 10 9 3

H—7 6 2

D—9 7 5 4 2

D—K J 10

C—8 6 5

C—9 4 2

SOUTH

S—A J 10 5

H—A K Q

D—8 3

C—A K Q J

The bidding:

South West North East
2 spades Pass 3 spades Pass
4 diam. Pass 5 diam. Pass

6 diam. Pass 6 spades [final bid]
South was thinking about a grand slam when he made his successive asking bids in diamonds, but even if North had answered positively with six no trump [showing second round control] on the second asking bid, South should not have gone beyond six-odd.

West opened the heart jack. Declarer won and, seeing that the diamond finesse was unavoidable, took it immediately. It lost to East's king and now it became vital to lose no trick in the trump suit. Dummy won East's diamond return and declarer pondered over the correct way to handle his trump combination.

Obviously, if the king were in West's hand it could not be picked up unless it were a singleton, and that latter chance was far too remote to play for. The same reasoning applied to playing East for a singleton king, which would require the lead of a low spade from dummy. Thus it became a question of "placing" the guarded king in East's hand and selecting the line of play most apt to pick it up. If it were either singly or doubly guarded, ordinary play of the queen followed by another lead through would suffice. If it were guarded by three cards including the nine spot, no line of play could capture it. The one distribution so far uncalculated was that it might lie thrice guarded without the nine spot. So that was the one to guard against.

On this flawless reasoning, declarer led dummy's queen and, when East followed with the three, carefully played his own ten. When the blank nine dropped from West, declarer could fairly exult over his own carefulness. The lead could now remain in dummy for the two more leads necessary to picking up the king. Had declarer failed to consider every single possibility he would have played the five spot on the queen and consequently lost his slam.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: What should be the opening bid on the following hand:
S AKJ8 H AQ D QJ 10 7 C AQ?
Answer: Two no trump.

What's On At the Cinemas

KING'S THEATRE—"Love on the Run"—with Clark Gable, Joan Crawford, Franchot Tone and Reginald Owen. Following her triumph as the "The Gorgeous Hussy," Joan Crawford gives another outstanding performance. A series of hectic and laugh-packed escapades. Quite out of the ordinary run.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Thanks A Million"—with Dick Powell, Ann Dvorak, Fred Allen, Patsy Kelly and Paul Whiteman. Leading celebrities of the stage and screen have been gathered in this tuneful mirth-filled and romantic story.

AT THE STAR—"Every Saturday Night"—with June Lang, Thomas Beck and Jed Prouty. The story deals with the trials and tribulations of a typical American family and presents the problem of an old-fashioned father and his modern youngsters.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Sea Spoilers"—with John Wayne. A tribute to the Coast Guard of America who unceasingly patrol the shores of Alaska against smugglers and seal poachers.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Alibi For Murder"—with William Gargan, Marguerite Churchill, Gene Morgan and Egon Brecher. As neat a murder mystery as one could hope for, nicely embellished with some acceptable comedy.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Damaged Lives", a medical educational film.

COMING PICTURES

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you hate her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"China Clipper"—With Pat O'Brien, Beverley Roberts, Ross Alexander, Humphreys Bogart and Henry E. Waltz. A glamorous romance of the air, marking a milestone in the pictorial history of daring American aviation, coming to the King's Theatre.

"Satan Met A Lady"—with Bette Davis, Warren William, Alison Skipworth, Arthur Treacher and Winifred Shaw. A new thriller from the author of "The Thin Man" which will keep you in laughter from start to finish, coming to the King's.

"Under Your Spell"—with Lawrence Tibbett, Wendy Barrie, Gregory Ratoff and Arthur Treacher. A roughhouse romance that hits the high spots of comedy, action, rhythm and excitement. Coming to the Queen's Theatre.

"The Flying Hostess", with William Gargan, Judith Barrett and William Hall. A thrilling romance of the skies. Coming to the Alhambra.

"The Man I Marry", with Doris Nolan, Michael Whalen, "Chic" Sale and Nigel Bruce. A rollicking romantic comedy in which Doris Nolan, Universal's newest find, gives an outstanding performance. Coming to the Alhambra.

"The Man Who Lived Twice"—with Ralph Bellamy, Marian Marsh and Isabel Jewell. A blood-chilling drama of a killer resurrected and transformed into a reputable and eminent surgeon. Coming to the King's.

"Bengal Tiger"—with June Travis, Warren Hull and Joseph King. A melodramatic thrill packed story of circus life. Coming to the Oriental Theatre.

"Special Agent"—with Bette Davis and George Brent. This picture is said to reveal the inner workings of the U.S. Treasury department, and showing a new angle of the American Government's activities against the nation's enemies.

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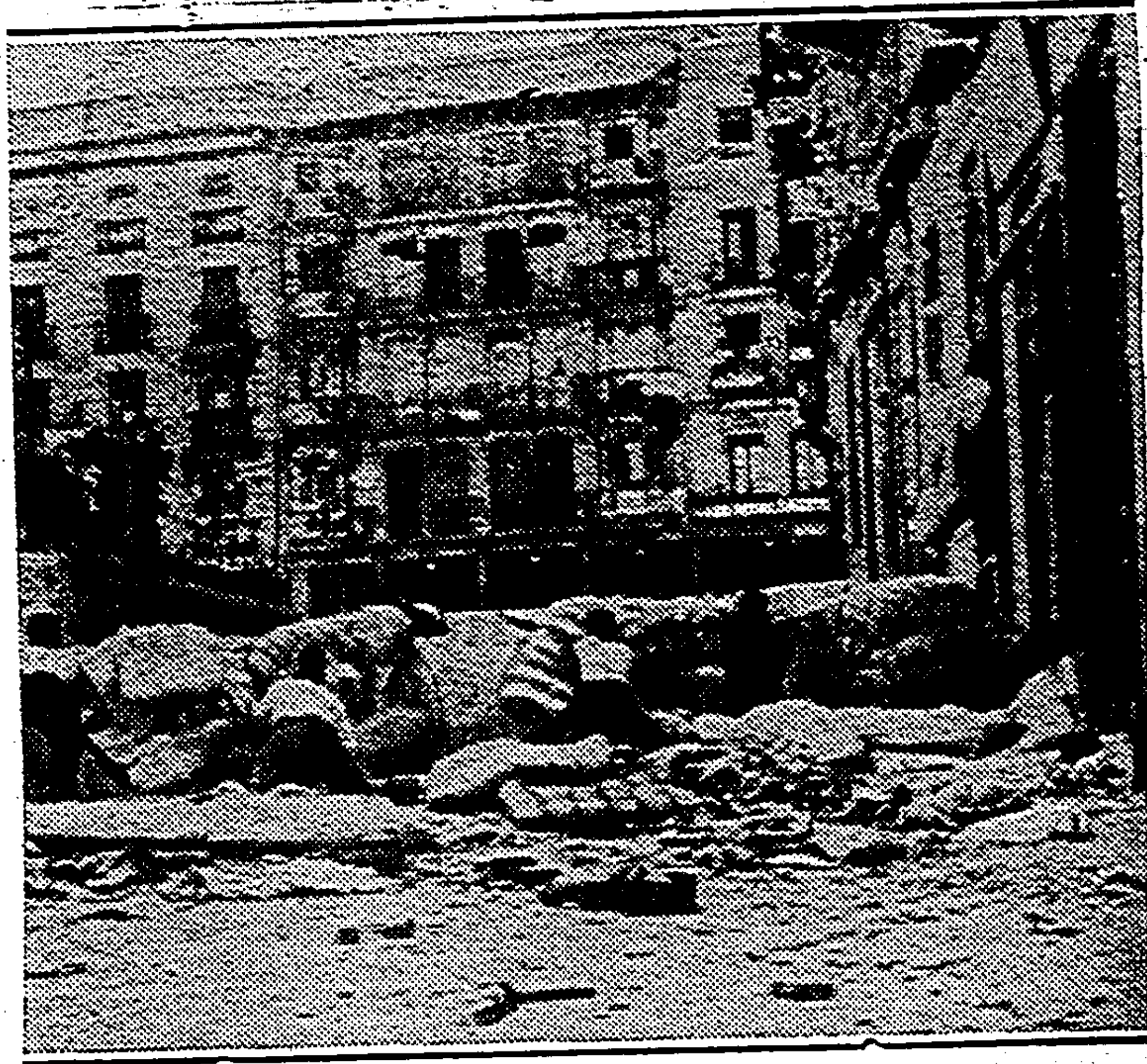


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Devastating Drives At Toledo And Oviedo



A street barricade in Oviedo, where the new loyalist drive is reported to be meeting with repeated successes. The Madrid forces everywhere appear to have adopted new tactics and for the moment the tide of battle has definitely turned against the rebels on all fronts except in Southern Spain, where the Del Lano advance apparently still continues.

DISTRIBUTION OF RAW MATERIALS BY INTERNATIONAL BODY REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS IN GENEVA REPORT ON PROBLEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Revolutionary ideas as a possible cure for the shortage of raw materials experienced by Germany, Italy and Japan are advanced in a report on the raw materials problem issued yesterday by the League of Nations Secretariat.

The most important raw materials, the report states, are coal, petroleum, iron, copper, lead, zinc, tin, aluminium, nickel, sulphur, rubber, cotton, wool, silk, seed-oil, vegetable oils and cellulose.

The most important producers of these commodities are the British Empire, France and her colonies, the Netherlands and her colonies, the United States and Russia.

Among the nations suffering from a lack of raw materials the report mentions Germany, Italy and Japan.

GERMAN NEEDS

Referring to Germany, the report points out that the only raw materials of which Germany possesses considerable supplies are potash, graphite, coal, zinc, lead and iron ore.

Examining the situation in Italy and Japan, the report states that the former country possesses only quicksilver, sulphur, hemp and raw silk, and Japan raw silk and soya beans in sufficient quantities.

The report discusses various proposals hitherto made for general solution of the raw materials problem.

BRITISH PROPOSAL

It cites the British proposal to remedy the situation created by

unequal distribution of raw materials, by general stimulation of trade and various special measures.

Other proposals enumerated are the suggestion that all colonies be converted into mandates, distribution of raw materials throughout the world by international control, conclusion of international agreements for exchange of goods and services, and control of organisations of international syndicates by representatives of consumers.

PRIVILEGED COMPANIES

Other proposals mentioned by the report are the granting of concessions, formation of privileged companies for exploitation of

German Press Campaign Against Prague

Prague, To-day.

The Czecho-Slovakian Foreign Minister, Dr. Krofta, in an address before the parliamentary commission yesterday, expressed the hope that Herr Hitler would stop the German press campaign against Czecho-Slovakia.

HEAVY GUNS INFLICT SEVERE CASUALTIES

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Alcazar at Toledo, scene of one of the most drawn-out and bitter sieges of the civil war last year, is again being violently attacked by the loyalist troops.

UNSUCCESSFUL IN THEIR PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO CAPTURE THE FORTRESS, THE GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE ONCE AGAIN GOING INTO ACTION OVER SOIL WHICH THE REBEL GOVERNMENT HAD DECLARED SACRED FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE OF THE ALCAZAR LAST YEAR.

A sudden attack on Monday day took the loyalists' troops right into the suburbs of Toledo, says the "Petit Parisien."

Here the advance was halted while the loyalist artillery went into action and continued their pounding of the fortress where it was left off last year, when the rebels raised the siege.

TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT

The defenders were forced to withdraw after hundreds had been blasted into nothingness by the rain of shells.

Another advance by the militia met with little opposition from the almost evacuated barricades and trenches, the little handful of survivors surrendering without putting up a fight, says Trans-Ocean.

HEADQUARTERS UNDER FIRE

Reuter adds that local operations south of the Tagus led to the conquest of a number of strategic positions and that the Government artillery is now firing upon the Barrio de Toledo buildings, used as barracks, and the headquarters of the military governor, which has been hit several times.

A sharp struggle is continuing.

SAN LAZARO FALLS

Madrid, To-day.

A Government communique declares that the loyalist troops have

foreign colonies, creation of an international bank, and formation of an international mining and forestry syndicate. — Trans-Ocean.

British Award To Dr. Eckener

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, the famous Zeppelin commander, will visit London in March to receive the Gold Medal of the Royal Aeronautic Society.

The decoration was recently conferred on him for his "noteworthy achievements in the field of airship navigation." — Trans-Ocean.

captured San Lazaro, a suburb on the outskirts of Oviedo, and that the buildings there will be used as a base for their projected advance. Part of the arms factory in Oviedo is now under Government fire.

In the Olivares sector, where the insurgents have lost heavily, the Government troops are fortifying their positions. — Reuter.

German Attitude On Non-Intervention

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The question of volunteering in Spain is only a part of the non-intervention problem and a general settlement must include not only this matter but the already effected delivery of war materials, the transfer abroad of Spanish property and the question of agitation and propaganda.

This statement is part of a semi-official declaration made here following foreign press reports that the official German viewpoint is that the volunteer problem can only be solved after the Spanish gold transferred abroad is returned to Spain.

Only if all these problems are included in the general settlement, says the declaration, can the non-intervention policy be made really effective. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY

Labour Critics In Full-Dress Commons Debate Diplomacy Utterly Demoralised

London, To-day.

That the League or Nations is now in a stage of convalescence was one of the statements contained in a general defence of the Government's foreign policy, made in the House of Commons last night by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

MR. EDEN, REPLYING TO CRITICISMS MADE BY MR. D. R. GRENFELL (LABOUR, GOWER), TOLD THE HOUSE THAT HE WOULD AVOID WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE "BALDWIN CONFIDENCE TRICK," WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT SAYING TOO LITTLE.

The very existence of the non-intervention committee, he continued, had reduced the international danger arising from the Spanish war.

BRITISH INITIATIVE

From the first the Government had deliberately supported a policy of non-intervention, taking initiative after initiative.

Their policy admittedly had had a chequered career but it had proved to be the right one.

As soon as the frontier control scheme was in operation, which he hoped would be next week, the text task was to deal with indirect intervention, particularly the withdrawal of foreigners fighting in Spain.

Mr. Eden spoke understandingly of the Portuguese difficulties over the control plan and appreciatively of the offer which had led to the Anglo-Portuguese arrangement now accepted by the International Committee for the Portuguese-Spanish frontier.

NEW WESTERN PACT

Mr. Eden regretted his inability to give a rosy account of the progress in the new western agreement.

The Spanish conflict had militated against its progress but the Government was not despairing of getting the nations to discuss the issue and achieving some results.

Turning to the question of the former German colonies, the Foreign Secretary repeated the statement given by Lord Cranborne recently that the Government had not considered and were not considering any such transfer.

That statement remained the Government's policy, to which he had nothing to add.

LEAMINGTON STATEMENT

Referring to his recent statement in Leamington to the effect that if the occasion arose British arms would be used in defence of France and Belgium against unprovoked aggression in accordance with treaty obligations, he added that if a new treaty could be negotiated we should be ready to extend a similar understanding to Germany.

Regarding obligations under the Covenant, of which the opposition complained, Mr. Eden said that he had been less definite. It was true that at Leamington he drew a distinction between obligations towards France and Belgium, and it might be Germany, and general Covenant obligations.

LOCARNO COMMITMENT

That was not because His Majesty's Government were seeking to deny its general Covenant obligations but because—so far as military action was concerned—obligations of the Covenant were less far-reaching, less specific and less precise than the Locarno obligations. Had it been otherwise there would have been no need for Locarno.

It might be argued that the Covenant obligations should be as precise respecting military action as Locarno and that all nations ought to undertake in advance to have recourse to military sanctions ought to undertake in advance to have recourse to military sanctions but that was not the Covenant. Such commitment would not only go beyond the Covenant but beyond the abortive Geneva Protocol of 1924.

The Government could not and did not endorse universal military commitments but it stood by the Covenant and based its foreign policy on it.

TWO DANGEROUS OPERATIONS

In the League of Nations there were divergent views, some wishing to exclude all sanctions, others wishing to make military sanctions automatic.

To force the individual view would be a risk of smashing the League.

The League was a state of convalescence and it was therefore not the moment to offer the patient the choice between two dangerous operations.

REARMAMENT PLAN

Almost throughout the world the British rearmament programme had been welcomed because no body abroad failed to realise that Britain would not enter into a war contrary to the League Covenant.

While regretting the necessity for rearmament, Mr. Eden believed that everyone on the House was convinced that Britain should have greater power to aid the forces of peace.

In rearmament the Government were making the greatest contribution in their power for preservation of the peace of the world.—Reuter.

Peace Conference Urged

Settlement Before The Catastrophe!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

"The League of Nations should immediately convene a world peace conference in order to arrive at a settlement of the Spanish dispute before catastrophe overtakes us."

In these words Mr. D. R. Grenfell, Labour member for Gower, criticised the Government's policy in regard to Spain in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Grenfell went on to deliver a caustic attack on the conduct of international affairs.

"There is far too much secret diplomacy going on," he declared.

DIPLOMACY DEMORALISED

Mr. Grenfell said that the backbone of the League system had fallen apart and they had lapsed into conditions of balance of power politics, which had been so generally denounced after the Great War and were so largely accepted as being responsible for that catastrophe.

The great Nations were arming against some danger which was never specified, and propaganda dangerous and unparalleled in the history of the world was rampant.

Diplomacy was completely demoralised and the huge expenditures which confronted the nations alarmed every thinking person.

GERMAN THREAT

Speaking of Europe, Mr. Grenfell said that all Germany's neighbours were apprehensive about her and her alone. He hated to have to say this as one who had criticised the Allies' post-War policy towards Germany, but he hoped the Foreign Secretary was speaking as plainly to the German Government as circumstances warranted.

She must be asked definitely did she want peace and what kind of peace. Did she stand for peace all round.

UNDERTAKINGS

Intervening later in the debate, Sir Austin Chamberlain suggested that they did not want a new conference or new agreements but an undertaking to keep all agreements already made.

He observed that Germany had complained of her difficulties about raw materials but now had declined to attend the meetings of the committee at Geneva which was to investigate the whole question of access to raw materials.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, replied that it was his personal conviction that politics were conducted more openly than was beneficial.

BRINK OF WAR

Defending the non-intervention committee in Spain, Mr. Eden recalled the words of the French Premier last summer that we had been brought to the brink of war from which the non-intervention committee alone had saved us.

Such dangers as remained, he continued, would be completely eliminated by the new control measures.

Turning to the League, Mr. Eden admitted that it had not turned out to be all that had been hoped for but on occasions it still proved itself alive.

One should not overlook the fact, he said, that in the last ten years the League had overcome many difficulties.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE

It was true that it had failed in the cases of Manchukuo and Abyssinia, and it was also true that these failures had made a deeper impression on the public than the successes attained.

However, it was illogical for the Opposition to demand greater powers for the League and at the same time attack rearmament.



MR. ANTHONY EDEN

The state of convalescence in which the League at present found itself was for the moment compelling the patient to choose between two dangerous operations.

It would be better to give it the opportunity of building up its strength again.—Trans-Ocean.

ONE OF DANGER SPOTS

Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Liberal Member for Wolverhampton East, complained of the obscurity of the Government's policy.

He pointed out Czecho-Slovakia as one of Europe's danger spots, but no attack would be made on this country, he said, if it were known that Britain was there to support her.

Firm British assurances on this point, he said, would secure peace.—Reuter.

Mr. Lloyd George And Mr. Churchill Silent

Contrary to expectations in some quarters, neither Mr. Lloyd George nor Mr. Winston Churchill participated in the debate, which followed traditional party lines.

The Opposition ascribed much of the present evils to the alleged feebleness of the League in the Sino-Japanese dispute and the Abyssinian war, for which the British Government shared the blame.

LABOUR THEORIES

Mr. Noel Baker, Labour member for Derby, said that the Labour Party favoured the use of armed forces to uphold international law, and if the Government got the support of France, Russia, the Little Entente, Belgium, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Finland and Poland, they would make an irresistible combination.

Viscount Cranborne, winding up the debate for the Government, declared that the discussion had shown little difference between the policy of the Government and the opposition.

APPEAL FOR MODERATION

Both had agreed that British forces would never be used for aggression and both upheld collective security.

It was better that the forces for this be too strong than not strong enough, because in the latter case you would have heavy expenditure and war too.

He appealed to the opposition to moderate their attitude and avoid giving abroad the appearance of a disunity which did not exist.

The opposition motion was defeated by 243 votes to 134.—Reuter.

VON RIBBENTROP'S SPEECH

DAILY TELEGRAPH CRITICISM

WRONG TIME AND PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop's speech at Leipzig on Monday, in which he again raised the question of return to Germany of her former colonies, is commented upon in a leading article in the "Daily Telegraph."

The journal says that picking on a chance occasion for bringing up what is after all a delicate subject was not a happy thought.

The idea of negotiating with a view to arriving at a compromise, is not promoted by public speeches.

Prominence is given to the German Ambassador's declaration that Germany, if she had her colonies returned, would not use them solely for economic purposes.

Germany's desire for colonies, the article concludes, will sooner or later have to become a matter of international discussion.

The natural venue for such a discussion, is Geneva, since it was

the League which handed out mandates over Germany's territories after the War.—Traps-Ocean.

FOUR DIE IN CANTON FIRE

Four foks were burned to death in a fire which broke out at 2.50 a.m. yesterday at 165, Hon-min Road South, Canton.

The premises were occupied by the Ching Wo Dyeing Shop and the proprietor of the firm was detained by the police for enquiries. Three of the victims were seventeen years of age, the fourth being two years older.



DR. VON RIBBENTROP

A.A. AND DEFENCE WORK

Extra Leave Offered To Men

Every male member of the Automobile Association's staff, numbering many thousands, has been offered 14 days' additional annual leave on full pay if he agrees to devote the time to training in some form of national defence.

At the same time, the A.A. has suggested to the Government that facilities should be provided for voluntary training in other months than July and August. It is pointed out that during the touring season men could not possibly be released for training.

Men with specialised knowledge, not only of motor-cars, but of aero and marine engines, will be able to develop this skill in the interests of national defence. Ambulance and first-aid training will also be embraced by the scheme.

The scheme has been placed before Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence. His reply welcomed the scheme and commended the A.A.'s example to all employers in Britain and the Empire.

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prize of \$5,000, two fourth prizes of \$2,000 each and three fifth prizes of \$1,000 each.

COMMITTEE BEING SET UP

A prize award committee will be organised by the Kuomintang authorities which will be responsible for selecting the candidates, examining their works and awarding the prizes.

All Chinese citizens, irrespective of sex, and all Chinese organisations may submit their works or records of service to the committee for examination. However, the winners will not be limited to those who submit works or records. The committee may also select the winners by investigation.

SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL PRIZE FUND

The creation of a Sun Yat-sen Memorial Prize Fund of \$3,000,000 for the promotion of academic studies was among the important resolutions adopted at the Third Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee in Nanking.

The proposal for the creation of the fund was submitted by the Central Cultural Planning Commission, of which Gen. Chen Kuo-fu, Governor of Kiangsu Province, is chairman. Adopting the proposal in principle, the Third Plenary Session resolved to instruct the Commission to draw up detailed measures for awarding the memorial prizes.

According to the proposal, the purpose of the prizes is to promote academic studies and encourage social service as a step toward the rejuvenation of the nation and the building up of a modern state. The total sinking fund of \$3,000,000 will be appropriated from the national treasury in three years. It will be deposited in the Central Bank of China with its annual interest for awarding the prizes.

LARGE PRIZES

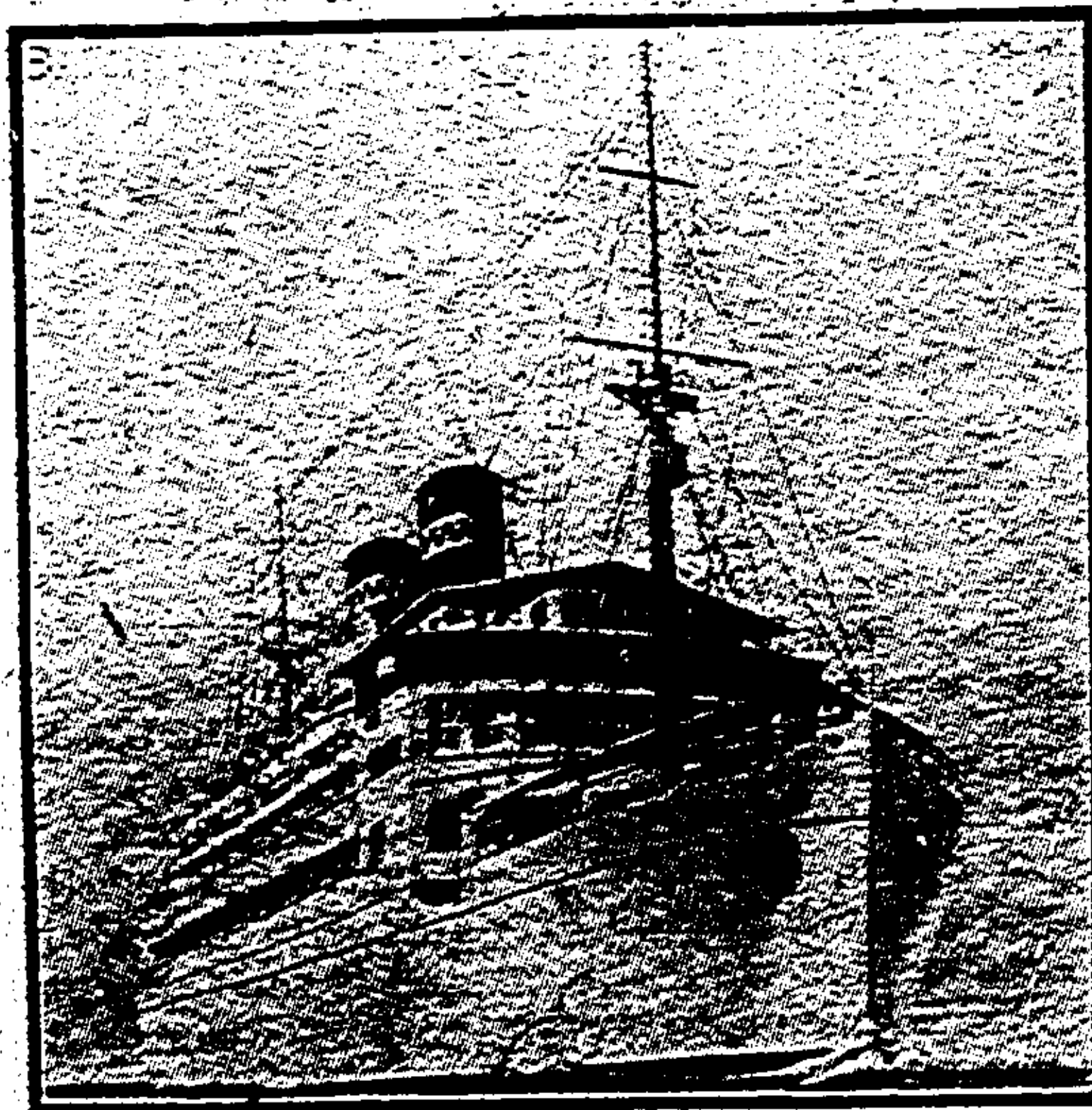
There will be five kinds of prizes for the best works in the fields of arts, social science, natural science, education, and social service respectively. For each kind there will be one first prize of \$20,000, one second prize of \$8,000, one third

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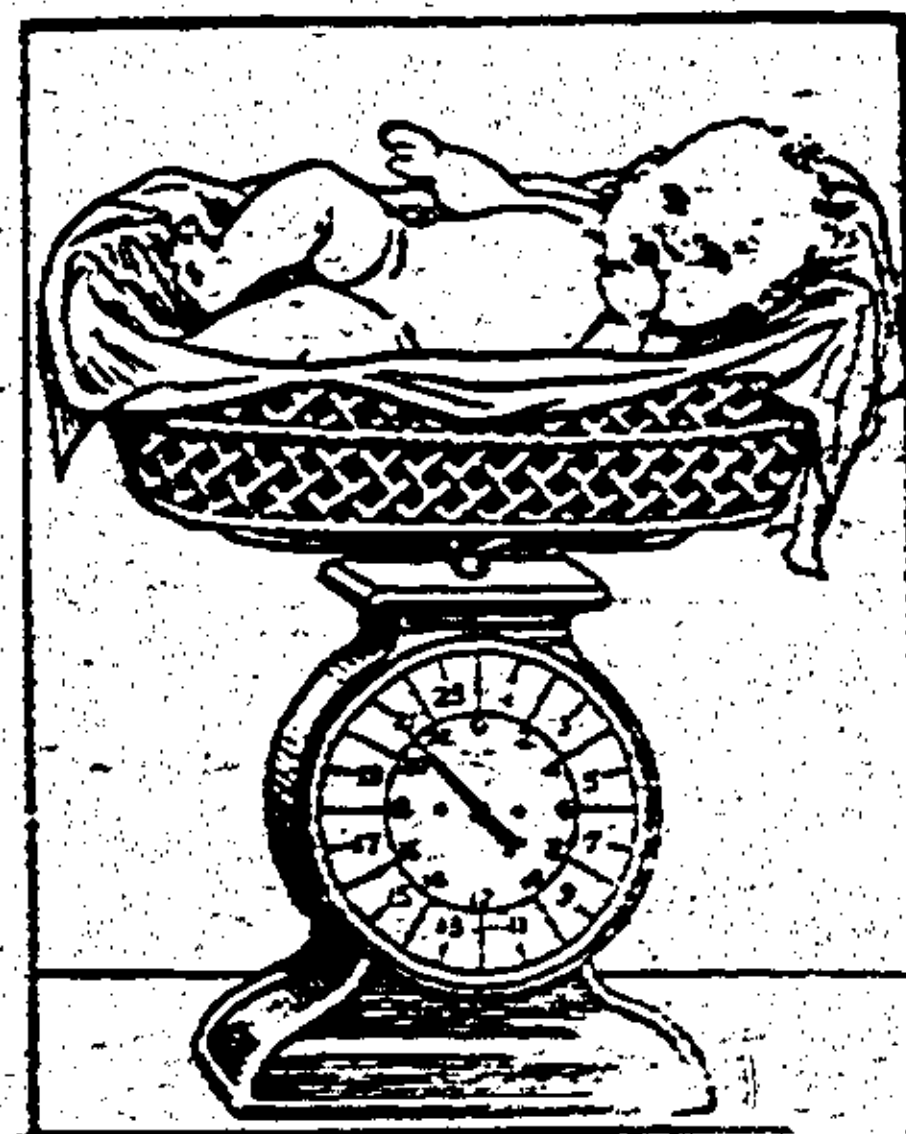
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Sharp Rise In Revenue

London, To-day.
Exchequer returns show that the total ordinary revenue amounts to £994,803,957 compared with £687,588,537 at the corresponding date of last year. The total ordinary expenditure is £712,277,495 compared with £672,240,851 at the corresponding date of 1936.—British Wireless.

ITALY'S NEW AIR BASES

CONTROL OF NARROWS

ROME, TO-DAY.
ITALY'S DECISION TO INCREASE HER ARMED FORCES IS EXPECTED TO APPLY CHIEFLY TO THE AIR FORCE, WHICH WAS ALREADY INCREASED LAST AUTUMN.

The decision was taken at the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council yesterday and follows the British rearmament programme.

Air bases are already under construction in Sardinia, Sicily and South Italy, while a new base for light naval craft is understood to have been created at Pantelleria.

Creation of these bases is expected to give Italy complete control of the narrows between Sicily and Africa.—Reuter.

German Comment

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berlin, To-day.

"It is a slap in the face for all those who had hoped that the session would bring a modification of Signor Mussolini's foreign policy, which is based on a Berlin-Rome axis."

So declares the Nazi newspaper "Angriff" in an article commenting on the Italian decision to increase her armaments, taken at the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council.

"The decision was received with joy by all friends of Italy and particularly Germany," the journal adds.

Militarisation of the Italian nation will now be completed, and Italy will thus keep level with the armaments of other Powers.

MERELY A REPLY

Other newspapers, such as the "Berliner Tageblatt" and the "Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger," refer to the recent rearmament decisions of Britain, France and the Soviet, and point out that the Italian step is merely a reply to these measures.

The main point of Signor Mussolini's policy, says one paper, has always been to rely on supreme concentration of Italy's national efforts.—Trans-Ocean.

VERDI OPERA LECTURE

A lecture will shortly be given, under the patronage of the Dante Alighieri Association, by Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, on Verdi's last Opera "Falstaff." The lecture will take place on March 16 at 5.30 p.m. in the Jacobean room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

FACTORY SABOTAGE

Work Brought To Standstill For A Week: Political Excitement

HOME OFFICE INVESTIGATING

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

PERSISTENT RUMOURS OF ACTS OF SABOTAGE IN BRITISH ARMAMENT FACTORIES HAVE PROMPTED THE HOME OFFICE TO ORDER A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

Thirty cases of suspected sabotage have been investigated, according to London newspaper reports.

SEVERAL ARMS FACTORIES WERE PUT OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHOLE WEEK, SO SERIOUS WAS THE DAMAGE DONE TO VITAL PARTS OF THE MACHINERY.

In other cases, the acts of sabotage were of a more primitive character, say the newspapers, and failed to do much serious damage.

The newspapers believe that this recurrence of acts of sabotage will shortly be the subject of a debate in the House of Commons, since revelation of these subversive activities has caused a considerable political sensation.

SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATION?

The revelations are all the more surprising in view of the fact that following wrecking activities on board British warships and in naval dockyards, the Government announced that the Secret Service had finally put a stop to these activities.

Suggestions made during the furor caused by the alleged acts of sabotage in the Navy, to the effect that a widespread subversive organisation exists in England, have been again put forward.—Trans-Ocean.

ALIENS IN THE COLONY

Incorrect List Supplied

Messrs. Osaka Shosen Kaisha were this morning fined \$25 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for failing to send to the Police the correct list of passengers on the s.s. Hong Kong Maru, which arrived here on February 13.

Sub-inspector Edwards said that a Korean named Kim Sai-koh, reported his arrival on February 16 and it was found that his name was not on the list supplied by the Company.

Mr. M. Rafeek appeared for the defendant firm.

Another Case

Chan Yue, manager of the Empress Hotel, was this morning fined \$50 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to failing to notify the Police of the arrival and departure of a Russian named Swartz.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Britain" on her round the world cruise leaves Singapore to-day at 5 p.m. is due at Bangkok on Saturday at 6 a.m. she is due at Hong Kong on March 21 at 3 p.m.

The E. and A. s.s. "Mankin" left Manila for this Port yesterday with Australian Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 11 a.m.

VIRTUAL SANCTIONS

SENATOR'S ATTACK ON NEUTRALITY MEASURE

Washington, To-day.

A vital amendment to the Pittman Neutrality Bill now being debated in the Senate, is proposed by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (Republican, Michigan).

The amendment suggests deletion of the clauses in the Bill in which the President is given power to remove American shipping from the scenes of war in any country and to enforce an embargo on goods from the United States.

Senator Vandenberg declared that if the President exercises this power it would be tantamount to sanctions, which would bring resentment if not reprisal.

It would virtually make the United States the ally of Britain or Japan, as they were the only countries, with a navy strong enough to remove goods from America.—Reuter.

Two New Irish Battalions

London, To-day.

Two additional infantry battalions, whose formation has been approved as part of the defence programme will be raised by restoring to the Inniskilling and the Royal Irish Fusiliers their second battalions which were disbanded in 1922.—British Wireless.

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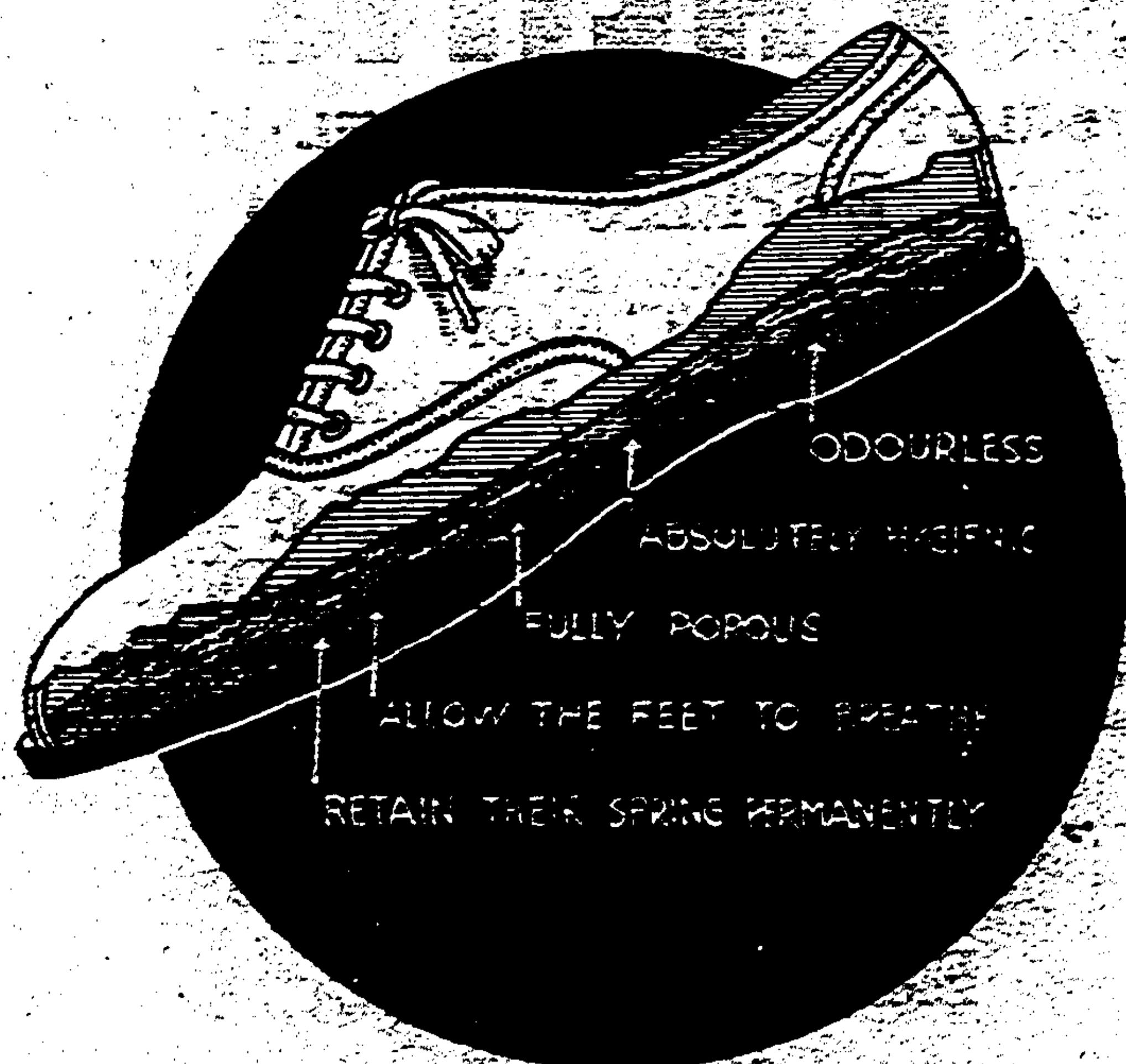
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TOWARDS ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Cautious as has been Mr. Walter Runciman in all references to his recent conversations in the United States, he no longer maintains the pleasant fiction that nothing happened there. His talks with Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull may have been informal, they may not have had anything of the character of "negotiations," but they have led to the conviction that there is something to be "explored," and exploration has apparently resulted in some progress. The President of the Board of Trade expresses the hope that as a result economic co-operation between the United States and ourselves will be facilitated. It is obvious that any large upward movement of foreign trade is impossible without positive measures. That is the lesson of last year, during which the potentials of recovery existed, but improvement on any considerable scale did not go much beyond internal trade.

A belief that co-operation could produce better results was the basis of the Anglo-French-American currency agreement. In the field of exchange that arrangement has operated beneficially, but nothing like full advantage has been taken of its possibilities in promoting trade. Disappointment with its effect in that direction has been marked in France, and has given rise to acrimonious debates on finance, and warnings of a crisis to come by M. Flandin. Benefits which should have come to France from the devaluation of the franc and the comparative steadiness of exchange have been largely dissipated in an internal rise of prices, primarily because the French contribution to trade betterment was a very limited reduction of restrictions upon imports. A belief that devaluation in itself was sufficient to revive the circulation of goods could not be read into the terms of an agreement that linked the development of international trade with the effort to stabilise exchange, and provided for action to relax progressively quotas and controls with a view to their abolition.

What possibilities lie behind the conversations that Mr. Runciman initiated in Washington can be judged from the utterances of American statesmen. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has said that "an agreement in principle" was reached. President Roosevelt, who took part in

the discussions, himself recently made an appeal for the lowering of trade barriers as a means to world peace, and asked for an extension of the powers under which the United States has concluded fifteen reciprocal trade agreements. American policy is coming into line with that which Britain has pursued in seeking through bilateral undertakings to surmount the barriers to trade. The perils of economic isolation have been a frequent theme with Mr. Cordell Hull, but a change in the American national view is likely to be a slow process. Swift transition from the position of a debtor country to that of the principal creditor nation, the impossibility, without economic disaster, of collecting debts, and preoccupation with internal troubles have made Americans hesitant regarding new commitments abroad. Yet for the United States, as for other nations, there can be no full restoration of prosperity without economic collaboration.

A Passport Question

On the basis of the summarised version of police court proceedings on Tuesday, in which a Russian woman was fined for entering the Colony without a valid passport, a curious anomaly was apparently permitted to arise. Although the woman was Russian by birth, she was in possession of legal Chinese naturalisation papers, which presumably entitled her to describe herself as a Chinese citizen. In these circumstances, it is difficult to fathom the logic of the prosecution. Persons of Chinese race are not required when entering the Colony to produce passports and although the local ordinance appears to make a distinction between one type of Chinese citizen and another by referring to race and not to nationality, it would seem reasonable to expect that having acquired the status of a Chinese citizen, a person is entitled to the benefits which that status confers. Moreover, the regulations lay down that there shall be no conviction if the person entering the Colony produces an official document establishing nationality.

There may be good and sufficient reasons for denying asylum in Hong Kong to any individual, Chinese or foreign. Police zeal in this respect is to be commended rather than otherwise. But there are other ways of killing a cat than stringing it up on official red tape — or possibly of stretching a passport regulation to a point beyond the stage at which it was intended to go.

Wig And Below

Lord Hewart said, in jest, the other day, that much of a judge's power resides in his full-bottomed wig.

But beneath that wig there is usually a clear, cool brain, an immense capacity for assimilating and understanding facts, and a great knowledge of human nature. Those perhaps come with the other factor which Lord Hewart mentioned — the long training at the Bar. The law may be an ass, but those who administer it contrive to take the bray out of most of its utterances; and for that they need more than the most imposing wig.

Prelude to the next war by a
veteran of the last war
who had a son

An Accident At Six O'clock

IT was an accident. Nobody longer. He went into the house going back. Marchand went to six o'clock in the morning Andre, a wine merchant in a little village near Tours, went hunting with his seventeen year old son Philip. It was their first time out this summer. They hoped to bring back some quail or woodcock or something nice, it was too early for ducks. Their dog Homer was with them. There was an accident.

There were two strange things about this occurrence. The first was that both barrels of the hunting rifle exploded at one time. The second strange thing was that it all happened in a sand pit, a fairly deep hole. They had climbed down into this pit for they thought this would be a good place. Well it turned out to be a bad place indeed. But there is always something strange about an accident and perhaps the unreasonableness is what makes it real and unusual and convincing. At least that is how the story first came out.

His beloved boy, his only son, his pride, his joy was dead. Dead in a sand pit in the little woods. He staggered through the woods hatless and breathless and ran for a short space then he stopped, caught his breath and bit his fingers and glanced back. But there was nothing to see but trees and trees. "An accident!" he cried and ran on.

They telephoned for the police and in about ten minutes four gendarmes arrived on bicycles. Andre was sitting on the grass. His head was unsteady and rolled from side to side. Cold beads of perspiration hung on his forehead and he bit his fingers and muttered some inaudible words. It was an accident. A report was made to the prefect of police. Everything was clear except how both barrels could go off at once and why they expected to scare up birds from the bottom of a sand pit. But then an accident is an accident and its sudden violence linked with the unexpected excludes all logic and reason.

The mother of the boy was almost dead from grief. She wanted to kill herself. And in a voice trembling with emotion cried that she could not live. The boy, the boy was the only thing she had in the world. She carried on all night and all the next day. The doctor gave her a powder so she could compose herself and go to the funeral. Her sister and mother arrived that morning from Tours and the three women sat on the couch and embraced and wept. And after they dried their tears they embraced again.

Later, after the funeral, she decided to go to Tours with her sister and mother. She did not tell her husband but he could see her packing her satchel.

Then she stood before him and cried: "You! You killed him. If I only knew the truth! You! I hate you!" And she left the house.

The poor man stood with his head down and his arms wide apart as though he were anxious to embrace all blame and take it to himself. Later in the day he went out into the garden and worked until it was dark.

Finally he could not endure it any more. He went into the house going back. Marchand went to six o'clock in the morning Andre, a wine merchant in a little village near Tours, went hunting with his seventeen year old son Philip. It was their first time out this summer. They hoped to bring back some quail or woodcock or something nice, it was too early for ducks. Their dog Homer was with them. There was an accident.

and washed himself carefully. Then he put on a clean shirt and got out his military cap. It had a number, 22, on the cloth, for this had been his regiment during the four years of the war. The metal of the number was tarnished and he tried to brighten it up by rubbing it with a bit of cloth. Then he put it on. Also in the top drawer of the bureau he found the war-cross awarded to him. This he pinned to the lapel of his civilian jacket. Then

By Manuel Komroff

he left the house and walked down the road until he came to the police station. He walked in without hesitation.

"I have come to confess," he said.

They looked at him with pity for they knew that a man who had lost his only son could be driven by grief to say most irrational things. And so they offered him a chair and they brought him a glass of water.

"Is it about the accident? You want to add something?"

"No. It was no accident. I killed him and I planned to do it."

The officers of the law looked at each other as though to say, "The poor man has lost his mind."

But he continued, "It was not the boy's fault but I had to do it. He was the best boy in the world and we loved him. But from the day he was born I knew that if he lived to be seventeen then he could live no more. Write!"

He pointed with his finger to the papers on the prefect's desk. "Write down what I tell you for when it is written down I will sign it and then you will have the truth."

He was quiet, composed, and his words seemed rational. He spoke calmly and as he spoke a police official made some notes on a large sheet of paper.

"First of all he was born as soon as the war was over. I married while on a leave of absence during the last year of the war. I served four years in the 22nd. We were through the whole business from start to finish. Very few remained of our original regiment but it was always replenished from the outside. And of the class in the Beaux Arts, we all joined at one time, only two survived. Yes, I was to be an artist. We knew nothing of all this business but you'd think in four years one could get used to it. Well, some do and some never get used to it. I was a landscape painter and the summer the war broke out I had a picture hung in the academy. Yes, my people kept it for me but when I got back and had a look at it I took out my knife and cut the canvas up into ribbons. The soft blues and the soft greens and the little stream with its water lilies

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What do you think? No. The

For what did it matter? Then the child was on its way and I was anxious that we have a girl. Then everything would have been alright. But it turned out to be a boy.

"I tried to hate the child but I was unable to do so. He wormed his way into my heart until I loved him more than I ever thought I would be capable of. But all the time I looked at him I saw his innocent face and I thought, 'They will make out of you what they made out of me. How can they help it. France has enemies and young men must defend her. Whose fault is it?' And often as I watched him play I would remark to his mother, 'He is ours until he is seventeen and then he must go to military service. That is the first step. The others follow quickly.'

"And I married and settled down with a little business. It happened to be wine that I sold but it might have been anything.

"And that is how we lived and that is how seventeen years slipped by. And the words that she spoke about peace and happiness and no more war sounded so far away and so false, oh! so false. Every day a new conflagration threatened, and every day I looked at my boy and said, 'No! Not him. You won't get him!'

"Last week the notice arrived for all boys who had reached the age of seventeen. They were to get ready and report for training. That is the law of the land. And the rest you know. It was hard, a hard thing to do. And before I came here I put on the war cross for you to see. Seventeen years ago I was supposed to be a very brave fellow." He clutched the medal with his hand. "But that is not bravery. I tell you it is nothing compared to what I went through before I did the deed. In the sand pit. He was blameless. He was innocent. I loved him dearly. Oh! It took great courage! I never knew I would be able to go through with it. But I did and I saved him from what I could not bear to have him become. Oh, it took great courage. You must believe me when I say so. No matter what anyone thinks."

He paused for a minute and then he said in a very matter-of-fact manner, "Write it all out and I will sign it. But add at the last that I say, it took all my strength and all my courage."

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REDUCTION IN U.S. N

APPROPRIATED MORE THAN IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SPEND!

Washington, To-day.

An appropriation of \$526,000,000 for the Navy Department in the next fiscal year, which is nearly \$56,000,000 less than the original Budget estimates, was approved by the appropriations committee of the House of Representatives yesterday.

GUESTS FOR THE CORONATION

Special Suites Are Booked

Many suites of rooms in leading London hotels have been reserved by the Government hosts—officially, the Hospitality Fund—for distinguished guests during Coronation Week.

Accommodation was booked provisionally for these guests several months ago. Now the Government Hospitality Fund has notified most of the hotels concerned of the exact number of suites required.

Although most of the suites provisionally reserved by the Government hosts have been claimed, the identities of the guests have not yet been disclosed. Guests will include prominent visitors from the Dominions, India and the Colonies, and representatives of foreign countries.

The responsibility for entertaining distinguished visitors will fall on the Hospitality Fund, and particularly on Earl Stanhope, who, as First Commissioner of Works, will

The chief reduction is in respect of new naval construction, which has been reduced from \$157,000,000 to \$130,000,000.

This is owing to the fact that certain appropriations for the current year will not have been expended when the year ends on June 30.

New construction authorised includes 397 aeroplanes, of which 251 are for replacement, two non-rigid airships, eight destroyers and four submarines.

Work will also continue on two battleships, three aircraft-carriers, eleven cruisers, 48 destroyers and sixteen submarines.—Reuter.

be chief Government host. The Hospitality Fund was started nearly 30 years ago to avoid uncertainty about whose responsibility it was to ensure the comfort of official guests.

All the famous London hotels have been heavily booked for Coronation Week for months. This does not mean that London is full for the Coronation.

There is still accommodation in smaller hotels, boarding houses and service flats. Many hotels have made arrangements to "overflow" if necessary.

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These American members of the surgical and ambulance unit of the Spanish loyalist army are shown as they embarked at New York for their adventure in Spain's civil war. Medical supplies, equipment and beds for a hospital caring for fifty persons was carried on the same ship with them.



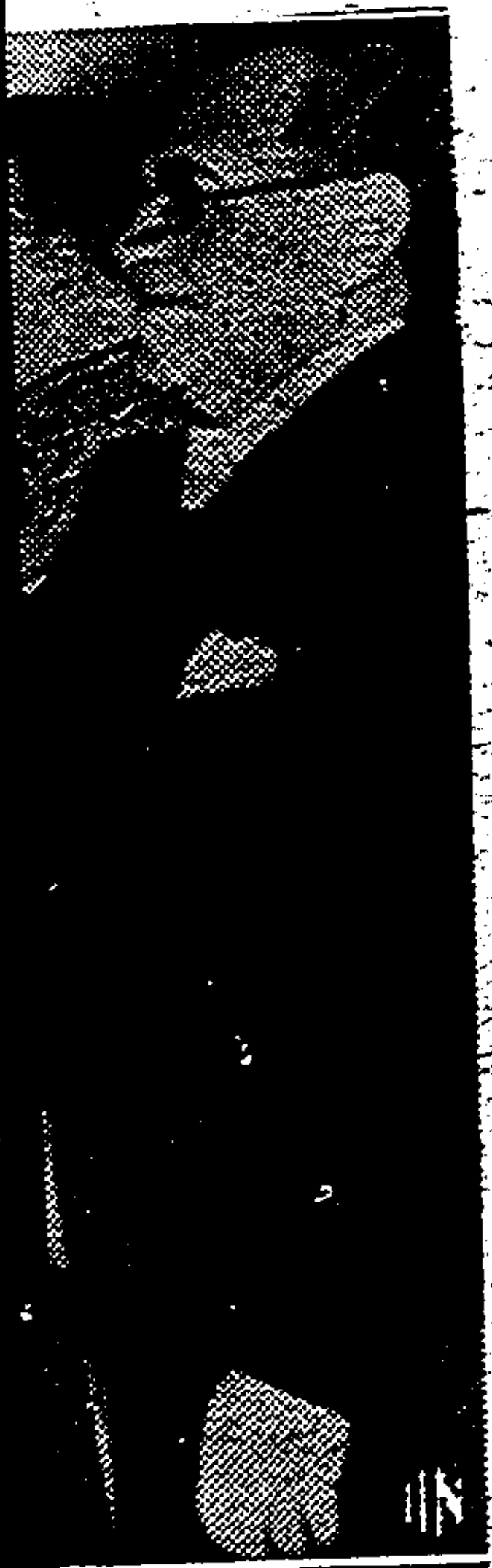
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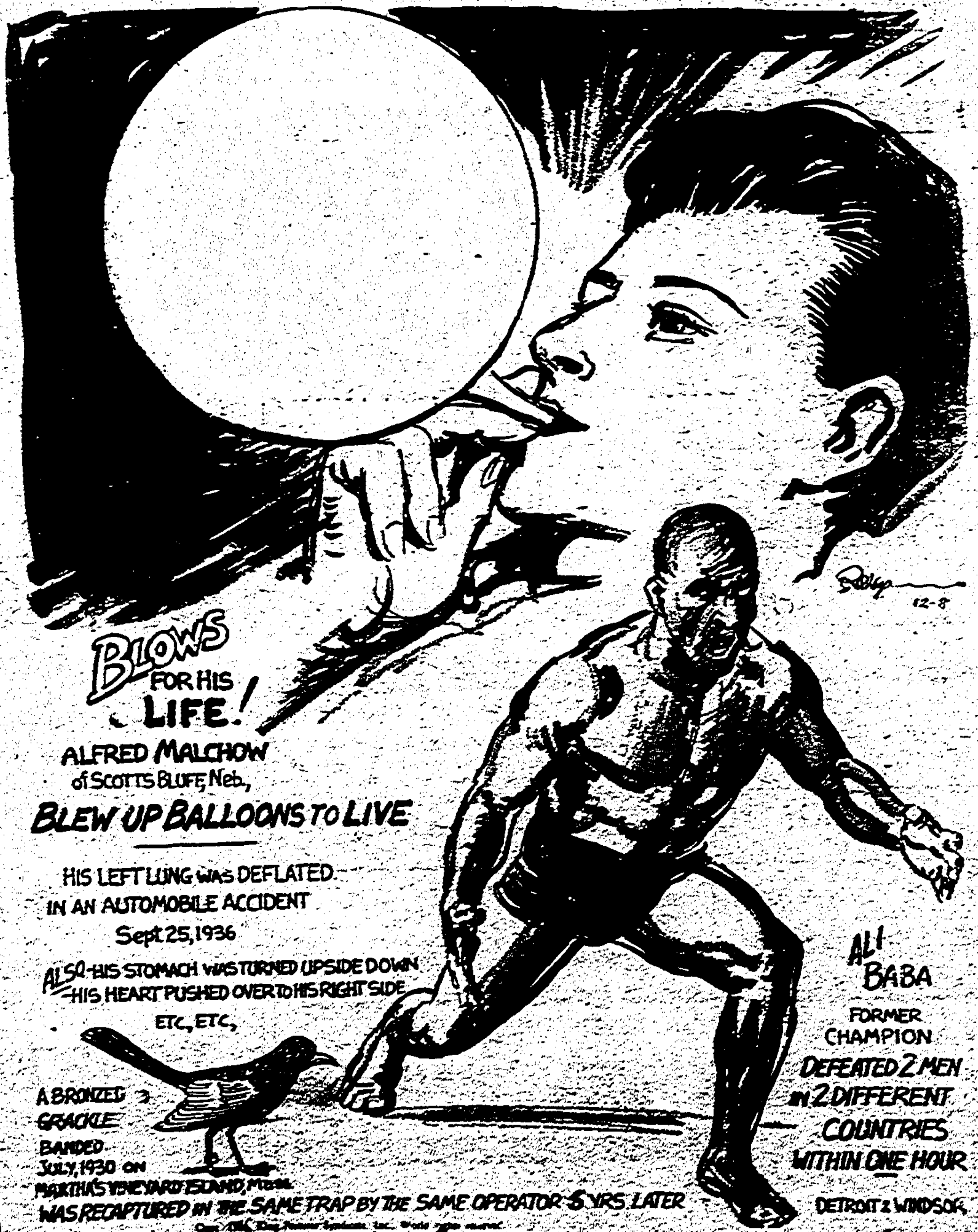
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The Hon. Tania Guinness Montagu (above), who surprised her friends by jilting the Earl of Carnarvon, chose a Broadwayite for her husband and married Howard Dietz, song-writer, at Juarez, Mexico. The elopers plan to honeymoon in New York.

By George McManus



"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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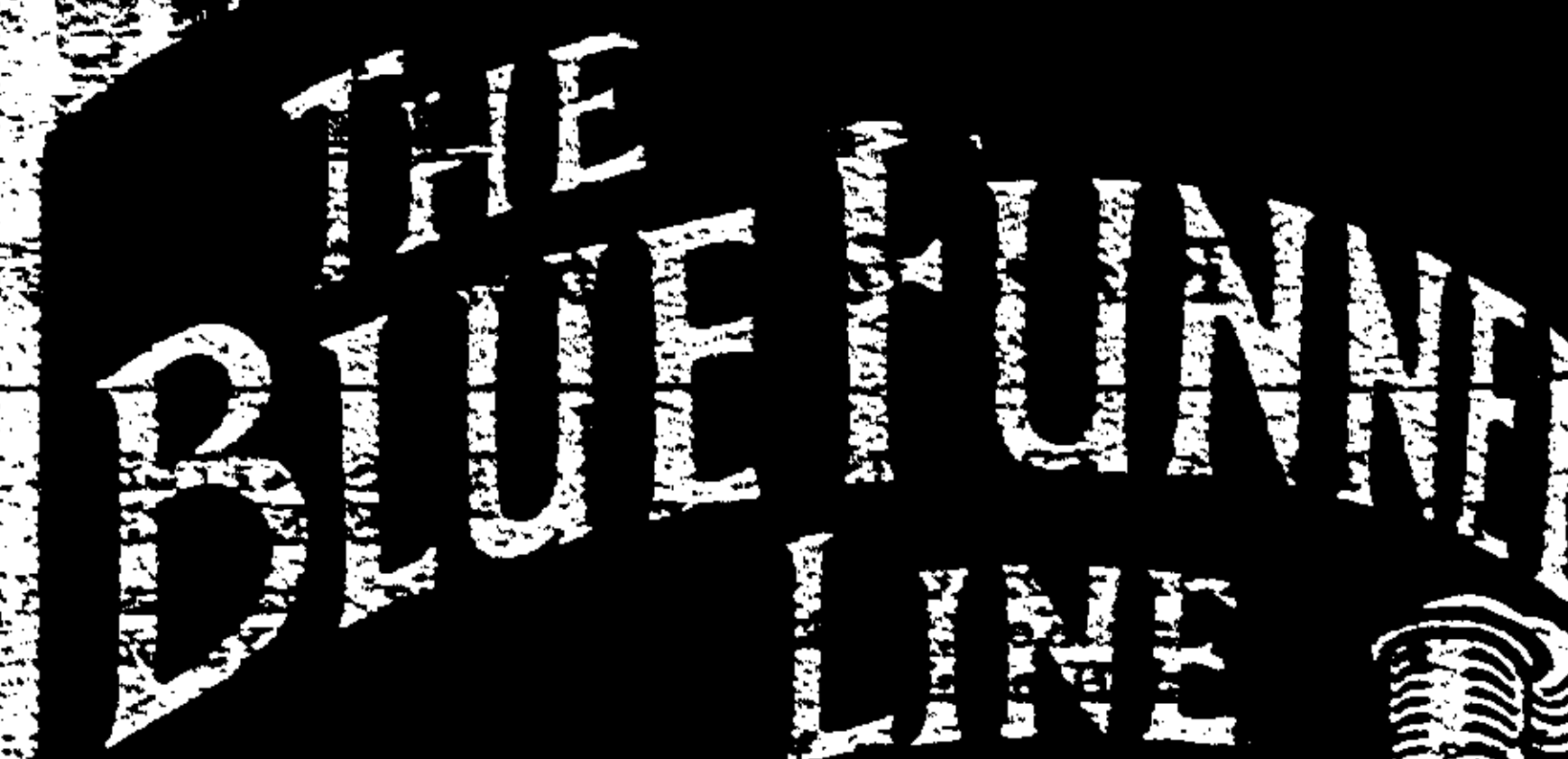
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Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS	INSURANCES	SHIPPING	DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	MINING	LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	PUBLIC UTILITIES	STORES, &C.	COTTON MILLS	MISCELLANEOUS
Hong Kong Bank \$1840 b.	Bank of East Asia \$90 b.	Union Ins. \$622 b., \$625 sa.	Douglases \$33 b.	H. K. and K. Wharves \$106½ b.	H. K. and W. Docks \$21½ b., \$22 sa.	Providents (Old) \$1.70 b., \$1½ sa.	Ranbys \$13¼ b.	H. K. Tramways \$13.30 b., \$13.30 sa.	Peak Trams (Old) \$4½ b.
China Lights (Old) \$14.05 b.	China Lights (New) \$11 b., \$11.10 sa.	H. K. Electric \$58 b., \$58 sa.	Sandakan Lights \$11¼ b.	Telephones (Old) \$29.65 b., \$30 sa.	Cements \$10.90 b., \$10.95/11 sa.	Dairy Farms \$24 b., \$24 sa.	Shanghai Cottons (Old) Sh.\$102 b.	Shanghai Cottons (New) Sh.\$77 b.	Constructions (New) 40 cts. b.
Antamoks ... 1.45	Atoks ... 48	Baguio Gold ... 29	Balatoc Mining ... 14¼	Benguet Consol. ... 14	Benguet Explor. ... 17	Big Wedge ... 33	Coco Grove ... 70	Consolidated Mines ... 0.47	Demonstrations ... 93
E. Mindanao ... 35	Gumans G'field ... 30	Ipo Gold ... 29½	I. X. L. ... 1.45	Itogons ... 1.45	Masbate Consol. ... 44	Min. Resources ... 42½	Northern Mining ... 14½	Paracale Gumaus ... 71	Salacot Mining ... 0.7½
San Mauricio ... 2.95	Suyoc Consol. ... 44	United Paracales ... 1.05							

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, To-day.
Buying orders from investors were almost totally lacking on the share market yesterday, and the becalmed state of the Bourse continued for another day.
Operators retained their cautious attitude in view of the lack of confidence in business improvement. — Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL DOLLAR

Silver Prices Move Up

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2-27/32.
"Spot" silver was quoted at 20 1/4 and "forward" at 20-1/16.
The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.89.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter:—
Prev. Yesterday Closing Closing

New York Cotton:		
March	13.24	13.42
May	12.90	13.00
July	12.68	12.75
October	12.12	12.20
December	12.05	12.10
January	12.05	12.08½
Spot	13.50	13.60
New York Rubber:		
March	21.85a	21.81
May	21.96	21.02a
July	22.10	22.16a
September	22.13	22.18
December	22.15a	22.18a
Chicago Wheat:		
May	132½	133½
July	114½	115½
September	112	112
Chicago Corn:		
May	107½	107½
July	102½	102½
September	95½	95½
Winnipeg Wheat:		
May	126½	127½
July	133½	123½
October	111½	112

OIL MONOPOLY IN MEXICO

Likely At Termination Of Concessions

Mexico City, To-day.
A Presidential decree issued yesterday establishes Mexico's new Government oil organisation.
The organisation is empowered to effect the exploitation of national petroleum reserves and develop the petroleum industry generally in the interests of national economy.
It will also regulate the internal market and the export of oil and its derivatives.
The decree does not state if existing concessions will be renewed and it is therefore considered possible that when such concessions expire, no new concessions will be granted to foreign enterprises. — Reuter.

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw rubber:

Buyers.	
Spot	36¼ Up ¾
Apr/June	37 Up ¾
July/Sept	37¼ Up ¼
Oct/Dec	37¼ Up ¼
Market:	Manufacturer Buying.

N.E.I. SHIPPING RATES

Hamburg, To-day.
Shipping lines belonging to the Netherlands East Indies Convention have raised their common freight tariff, on the one hand making very substantial simplifications and on the other hand slight increases, in certain rates.
The new tariff alters cargo rates to ports not affected by the Convention. — Trans-Ocean.

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The report of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Ltd. states that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$1,982,992.69 after allowing for Depreciation. Of this amount \$600,000 has been appropriated for the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 11th September, 1936.

Your Directors recommend that the Balance available for appropriation amounting to \$1,382,992.69 be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of 1.50 per share on 600,000 shares ..	\$900,000.00
To pay a Bonus of 25 cents per share on 600,000 shares	150,000.00
To place to Reserve ..	100,000.00
To carry forward to next Account	232,992.69
	\$1,382,992.69

ANTIQUE SHARES**Placing On Market Soon**

B. D. Dillow, president and general manager of the Visayan Minerals, Inc., Manila, announced that the Antique Consolidated Mines, Inc. will be placed on the stock exchange soon. The Visayan Minerals took over the properties of the Antique Consolidated in the town of Sibalom, Antique, for development. These properties consist of chromite, manganese and shale oil in the different parts of Sibalom.

The Visayan Minerals recently offered Emilio Montilla, president and general manager of the Pilar Copper Mines Inc., to lease the properties of the latter firm. Mr. Dillow is interested in getting the authorization of the stockholders of the Pilar and Capiz Copper Mines to develop the properties.

It was revealed that the Visayan Mineral Inc. is willing to buy a concentration machine and other necessary facilities if the copper mines are leased to the corporation. The net gains obtained from the sale of the minerals will be divided equally between the Pilar Copper Mines Inc. and the Visayan Minerals Inc.

One year after signing the lease

BANK TO ISSUE NOTES

That the Farmers' Bank of China which has been given the right to issue notes should shoulder the responsibility of stabilizing the foreign exchange like the three Government banks was ordered by the Ministry of Finance, according to a Chinese report. The reserves should therefore be handed over to the Currency Reserve Board which controls the issue and retirement of legal tender bank notes, and keeps custody of reserve against outstanding bank notes.

Among other measures providing for the transfer of control of note-issue and reserve to the Board, as published in the Chinese press, the Ministry's order points out that the Farmers' Bank should lay stress on the circulation of notes in important rural districts and outlying or border areas, and that the Bank should also, in accordance with the Ministry's regulations, extend loans on real estate and in rural districts.

The Farmers' Bank was originally established for four provinces, namely, Hunan, Hupeh, Anhwei and Kiangsi, but was later reorganised with a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000.

The American Mail Line s.s. President McKinley is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Seattle, Victoria, Japan and Shanghai about 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th., and will sail for Manila at midnight the same day.

The Empress of Japan left Yokohama for Vancouver yesterday, is due in Canada on March 13 and leaves again for Hong Kong via ports on March 20.

Among passengers who left Hong Kong for Bali yesterday in the J.C.J.L. s.s. Tjibadak were Count Ghislain Clauzel, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fraser. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jones sailed for Sourabaya in the same ship.

Mr. J. A. Simpson left for Manila in the Tjibadak yesterday.

contract, stockholders of the Visayan Minerals Inc., at the option of the Pilar Copper Mines, can designate its board of directors to buy 3,000,000 shares at par value.

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SUCCESSFUL HOCKEY TRIAL HELD



E. L. Gosano, above, has secured his first Colony Interport hockey honours, as he has been selected as one of the three backs to make the trip to Macau next Sunday.

HONG KONG'S INTERPORT HOCKEY XI

PROBABLE TEAM LINEUP

COLONY SENDING TWO UMPIRES

A meeting of the Interport Selection Committee was held after yesterday's trial match when 15 players were invited to make the trip to Macau next Sunday for the Third Interport match which will be held at 4.30 p.m.

The 15 players invited are:—

U. B. Souza (Argonauts) (Goalkeeper)
E. L. Gosano (Argonauts) (Full-back)
A. E. P. Guest (Radio) (Full-back)
Lt. N. L. H. Stileman (Navy) (Full-back)
Spr. Brown (R.E.) (Wing-half)
W. A. Reed (Club) (Half-back)
J. Gonsalves (Recreio) (Half-back)
M. H. Hassan (Radio) (Wing-half)
S. Fowler (Club) (Right-winger)
Lt. S. W. Wright (Navy) (Forward)
Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) (Forward)
Nerain Singh (Kumaon R.) (Inside-left)

Partab (Kumaon R.) (Left-winger)
G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.) (Inside-left)
J. Wall (Police) (Left-winger).

PROBABLE LINE-UP

It is obvious from the above players that the team will probably line-up against Macau as follows: U. B. Souza; A. E. P. Guest and E. L. Gosano; Spr. Brown, W. A. Reed and J. Gonsalves; S. A. Fowler, Lt. Wright, Pyara Singh, Nerain Singh and Partab.

I should like to have seen Lt. Stileman as one of the two backs, but it is obvious that he has not had time enough to practice, and has also not quite worked up the understanding with Gosano that Guest has.

Brown, on his recent form, is a certainty for the right half position and it is not likely that Hassan will displace Gonsalves from the left flank, while it goes without saying that W. A. Reed will be the pivot.

The forward line have suggested above is the best possible, and here again it is improbable that the Nerain Singh-Partab partnership will be broken up to include G. H. Fowler.

THURSDAY'S PRACTICE

The Interport Selection Committee hope to stage a practice match to-morrow evening against the Portuguese International team on the Club ground, when jerseys and stockings will be handed out to 11

KUMAON RIFLEMEN IN LIMELIGHT

PROBABLE FORWARDS BRILLIANT

RODRIGUES RETURNS TO FORM

(By "STICKS")

DESPITE dismal weather conditions, the final Interport hockey trial held at King's Park yesterday was interesting in that it eliminated certain doubts which the Interport Selection Committee may have had regarding certain players, notably Nerain Singh, of the Kumaon Rifles, playing at inside-left, and A. E. P. Guest, who was seen both as a centre forward and as a full-back. Following yesterday's displays by the Probable players, the Colony should be able to field a formidable eleven against Macau next Sunday afternoon in the Interport match.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT JOGINDER SINGH, THE KUMAON RIFLES' RIGHT-FULLBACK, WAS IN HOSPITAL, THE PROBABLE PLAYERS ONLY FIELDED 10 MEN IN THE OPENING MINUTES OF THE TRIAL, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE LATER REINFORCED BY A. PINNA, OF CLUB DE RECREIO. THE DEFENCE WAS IN EXCELLENT FETTER, GOSANO BEING OUTSTANDING IN THE OPENING HALF WITH CLEVER POSITIONAL PLAY, AND NEAT AND QUICK CLEARANCES. WILLY REED WAS VERY GOOD IN THE PIVOTAL POSITION AND PUT IN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK WITH A MINIMUM OF MOVEMENT — AGAIN EXCELLENT POSITIONING.

In the forward line, Nerain Singh and Partab formed a very dangerous left-wing partnership and contrary to rumours, were very unselfish. S. Fowler and Lt. Wright, the right-wing partnership, were also very good, although the former bungled one or two centres by delaying his shot.

Pyara Singh, in the centre-forward berth, was in brilliant form, his clever stick-work and opportunism marking him down as the outstanding attacker of the 22 players.

I cannot think of a better forward combination than S. Fowler, Wright, Pyara Singh, Nerain Singh and Partab, although G. H. Fowler on his day (and he was sadly off colour yesterday) is a dangerous inside-left.

FAULT CORRECTED

Guest playing as a full-back in the second half followed the advice I tendered him through these columns in getting rid of the ball much quicker. He was inclined to wander at times, although I attributed this to the fact that he had been playing as a forward, and therefore his nomadic instincts were only natural.

Brown and Gonsalves, the wing-halves, were in good form, while Hassan also came in for his share of the limelight. Of the two goalkeepers little can be said except that I thought that Howlett was the safer of the two and kicked

players. All members are requested wear white shorts.

Probably the most interesting and satisfying item in connection with the Interport match is the fact that the Colony will be supplying both Umpires in Capt. G. W. P. Kimm and Mr. G. T. Palmer, probably two of the best men in Hong Kong for the job.

ENGLISH HOCKEY PLAYERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Lieut. N. W. Metcalfe, Royal Artillery, has been placed in charge of the England team in the local International Hockey Tournament. He would be glad if all Secretaries of hockey clubs, and Officers in charge of Hockey of H.M. Ships, and Regiments, would forward to him the names of any Englishmen who would like to play, and are of a suitable standard for a trial. His address is Royal Artillery Mess, Kowloon, Tel. 57308, and 1st Mountain Battery H.K.S.R.A., Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, Tel. Military, Kowloon 8.

A trial will probably be held next Friday, at 5.00 p.m., as the First Round of the Tournament will be played on March 9.

with more confidence.

RODRIGUES' RETURN

The trial was notable for the fact that Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, the former Colony "triple" Interport hockey star, was seen at left-back the opposition, and has regained much of his old form, although he topped the ball on several occasions in effecting a clearance.

B. Gosano, seen as a forward for the Argonauts, was also in splendid fettle and gave the Interport defence an anxious time during the second half, while both T. Alves and B. Marques, the Portuguese wing-halves, shone and it will not be long before they too secure Interport honours.



Capt. G. W. P. Kimm, above, has been selected as one of the two Umpires for the Colony-Macau Interport Hockey match to be played in Macau next Sunday afternoon.

RUGBY SEVENS CONTINUE THIS AFTERNOON

Five Encounters To Be Decided

BIGGER SUPPORT ANTICIPATED

The Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament in aid of Navy, Army and Civilian charities, will continue this afternoon commencing at 4.30 p.m., when five more encounters will be played.

The Tournament has so far provided good entertainment, and the only disappointing feature has been the poor support accorded it by Rugby enthusiasts. It is hoped, however, that a bigger attendance will be present to-day and on Saturday, when the Semi-finals and Final will be held, commencing at 3 p.m.

Admission to the ground to-day will be 50 cents, while \$1 will be charged next Saturday, Servicemen being admitted at half-price.

The following is the draw for to-day's encounters:—

R. W. F. "A"	v. Rifles "B"	(4.30 p.m.)
Navy "B"	v. R. W. F. "C"	(4.50 p.m.)
R. W. F. "B"	v. Navy "A"	(5.10 p.m.)
R.A.M.C.	v. Bank	(5.30 p.m.)
H.M.S. Berwick v. R. W. F. "D"		(5.50 p.m.)

HOCKEY WIN FOR TAMAR

In a friendly hockey match played yesterday, H.M.S. Tamar beat the Seaforth Highlanders by four goals to nil. The scorers were Benwick, Bromley, Borrowdale and Price.

I.R.C. CRICKET TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent the Indian R. C. cricket team in their important League fixture with the Hong Kong Cricket Club to be played on the latter's ground next Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp:

A. H. Ramjahn (capt.), A. R. Abbas, P. M. el Arculli, M. el Arculli, Y. el Arculli, J. S. A. Curreson, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, A. R. Mimm, K. Nazarin, A. A. Ramjahn.

MAK NGAH ASSN. AQUATIC HOPES



Wong Suen-man, left, is the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Mak NGAH Association, while Wong Wing, right, one of the All-China World Olympic soccer stars, is a fine water-polo player and a good sprinter. He has recently returned to Canton from North China and will play for Mak NGAH Association.

M. A. OLIVEIRA EXTENDED LAST NIGHT

Colony Badminton Championships

TWO OTHER EVENTS DECIDED

An exciting match was witnessed in the Men's Singles Badminton Championship at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium last evening, when M. A. Oliveira, of Club de Recreio, beat K. L. Yong, of the University, by two games to one, in the Second Round.

Both players were evenly matched and at times reached great heights. In the first game Yong was at one period leading Oliveira by 13 aces to 10, but the latter gradually reduced the arrears taking the game to a deuce, to eventually secure the game Yong improved in the second game which he won by 15 aces to 10.

At the commencement of the third game both players showed signs of tiring. Yong put up a plucky struggle, but lost to Oliveira by 10 aces to 15, owing to lack of stamina.

GOOD SMASHING

T. C. Lee, of the University, also playing in the Second Round convincingly defeated Henry Kew, of St. Andrew's, by two clear games. The undergraduate proved too fast for his opponent, who was beaten time and again by Lee's overhead smashes and placements.

P. H. P. K. Hui received a walk-over from F. H. Kwok. In the Men's Doubles, E. da Sousa and E. A. Alves beat T. Y. Chong and T. W. Wong in the First Round at the Chinese "Y".

S. A. Gray and Miss A. Mackenzie beat D. Kwok and Miss P. McCaw, at the St. Andrew's Church Hall, by two clear games in the First Round of the Mixed Doubles event.

Results at a glance:—

Men's Singles
T. C. Lee beat H. Kew 15-3, 15-3.
M. A. Oliveira beat K. L. Yong 18-13, 10-15, 15-10.
P. K. Hui received a walk-over from F. H. Kwok.

Men's Doubles
E. da Sousa and H. A. Alves beat T. Y. Chong and P. W. Wong 15-6, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles
S. A. Gray and Miss A. Mackenzie 15-3, 15-3.



Mr. Donald Black, above, the 1936 champion jockey, will be married this afternoon to Miss Helen Mickle at the Peak Church.

NOVICE JOCKEY THROWN

PONY CRASHES THROUGH ENTRANCE GATE

(By "RAPIER")

While taking out Mr. Diamonds' Radium, a 1937 Subscription Griffin, for a six furlong run this morning, Mr. K. W. Fung, a novice jockey, crashed through the rail at the entrance gate near the football stand and was thrown. Luckily he landed on his feet and suffered no ill effect.

The pony missed the iron support of the rail by a very narrow margin, otherwise both pony and rider would have suffered serious injury.

The pony ran back to the stable and was later taken out by a riding boy to finish its morning gallop, whilst Mr. Fung was afterward seen taking out Rhodium, a new Australian griffin.

TO-DAY'S TWO LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES

With a strong team available, the Navy should obtain both points from the Eastern in their postponed First Division soccer encounter at Causeway Bay this afternoon, while in the Second Division, the Engineers should easily account for the Chinese Athletic at Sookimpoo. Both games will start at 4.30 p.m.

LOSE TWO VERY GOOD PERFORMERS

WONG WING RETURNS TO THE TEAM

WONG YIU-MAN'S PROGRESS

THE Mak NGA Association, well known in South China for its aquatic accomplishments, has lost a number of its leading swimmers, whose absence this summer will be keenly felt by all swimming fans in the Colony.

THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, ONE CONSOLATION IN THAT KWOK CHUN-HANG MAY RETURN TO THE COLONY DURING THE SUMMER. MR. WONG SUEN-MAN, THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT KWOK WILL RETURN TO THE COLONY IN TIME FOR SWIMMING COMPETITIONS, PROVIDED HE IS ABLE TO OBTAIN SPECIAL LEAVE FROM ATTENDING THE MILITARY TRAINING CAMP.

If Kwok is unable to make the trip, he will be substituted by Wong Yiu-man, who displayed fine form last year in the Colony 100 Yards Breast-stroke Championship.

This swimmer has improved a great deal and will prove an asset to the Association in the future.

WONG WING RETURNS

Wong Wing, one of the China's World Olympic soccer custodians, who is also well-known as a short distance swimmer, will take an active part in the Association's activities this season. He is an asset in relay events.

Besides Kwok Chun-hang, the Association will also feel the absence of Chan Ki-chung, short distance sprinter, who came in second to Chan Chan-hing, in the last China National Games. Chan Ki-chung is proceeding to Nanking to join the Government staff.

GOOD POLO PLAYER

Another of their leading swimmers who will shortly be leaving the Colony is Sim Poon-hoon, who arrived in Hong Kong last year.

Sim originally came from Singapore, where he was well known in water-polo circles.

He was one of the water-polo team, which beat the Japanese Olympic water-polo combination when they passed through Singapore, en route to Japan. Sim is returning to Singapore next week.

LAM CHO-CHONG QUALIFIES FOR BILLIARDS FINAL

Rakusen Easily Defeated

ANTONIO ENTERS JUNIOR FINAL

Giving a good all-round exhibition, Lam Cho-chong beat M. N. Rakusen by 750 points to 456 in the Semi-Final Round of the Senior section of the Open Billiards Championship, at Club Lusitano last night.

The scoring in the early part of the game was rapid and at the 200 mark Rakusen was almost 60 points ahead, but Lam chalked up three

CORRESPONDENCE

ISLINGTON CORINTHIANS' COLONY VISIT

[The Sports Editor, "China Mail"]

Dear Sir,—As such an interest has been aroused by the coming visit of the Islington Corinthians, I am writing a short review of the events in Europe that led to the present situation. After the Berlin Olympics last year, where the Chinese team lost to Great Britain by 2-0, we were invited by the Corinthians through Miss M. Smith, the Asst. Secretary, to play two games in London after the completion of our Continental programme.

In our first game, at Highbury ground, against our hosts, we were beaten 3-2 after leading 2-1 at half-time. We played the Casuals the following evening, on the Crystal Palace ground, and lost 5-2 after again leading 2-1 in the second half.

Happily our hosts were delighted with the play of our team which comprised mostly South China A. A. players, with the consequence that a tentative suggestion was mooted between the Secretary, Mr. Smith, of the Corinthians and the Secretary of the S.C. A. A. Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, who was the Manager of the China team, that the Corinthians will pay us a visit in Hong Kong and other big cities in China.

The present negotiations are the happy result, and I expect most football lovers in this Colony will wish the visit to be a reality. It will be a "red letter" day for Hong Kong to see the very famous Corinthians giving an exhibition here of typical English football par excellence.

Yours truly,
Lee Wai-tung,
Capt. Chinese Olympic
football team.

breaks of 40, 83 and 23 before his opponent could add any to his score, which enabled the former to take the lead which he retained throughout the game.

The highest break of the evening, an 83 made by Lam, was faultless until he broke down with an easy pot red. Rakusen's highest break was a 34.

At the Civil Service Cricket Club, L. V. Antonio beat M. A. Baptista in the Semi-Final of the Junior section by 400 points to 218. Antonio was the better player throughout the game and made a break of 69 followed soon after by a 38.

TILDEN THINKS HE CAN BEAT PERRY

TWO WILL BE MATCHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Phononix, February 22.
William T. "Big Bill" Tilden, the tennis professional and promoter, to-day announced that he had contracted for a tour in connection with Fred J. Perry and Ellsworth Vines, now touring the nation in a series of dual exhibitions. He said he would play Perry in five matches in Eastern cities during March.

Tilden recalled that he had opposed Perry only twice, in doubles encounters, but remarked, "I have watched him play in important matches. He is darned good, but I think he can be beaten. His running forehand is magnificent, but my attack may be based on that strong point.... You've got to smack the ball to beat Perry. I smack the ball."—United Press.

SMALL MONTANA DEFEATED BY TINY BOSTOCK

Brilliant Points Victory

TERRIFIC BODY BLOWS

London, February 9.

Fighting one of the most courageous flyweight battles seen for many years, Tiny Bostock, of Hanley, outpointed Small Montana, the Filipino, over 12 rounds at Belle Vue, Manchester, last night.

Montana was disappointing. He allowed Bostock to force the fight practically throughout. The Englishman in every round darted in with straight lefts and made his opponent flinch under a terrific onslaught of body blows.

Montana was sent to the boards early with a straight left to the face. He was quickly on his feet, but was repeatedly out-manoeuvred by some brilliant moves. Bostock maintained a fast pace and not even a splendid rally by the Filipino in the sixth round could disturb him.

FILIPINO SHAKEN

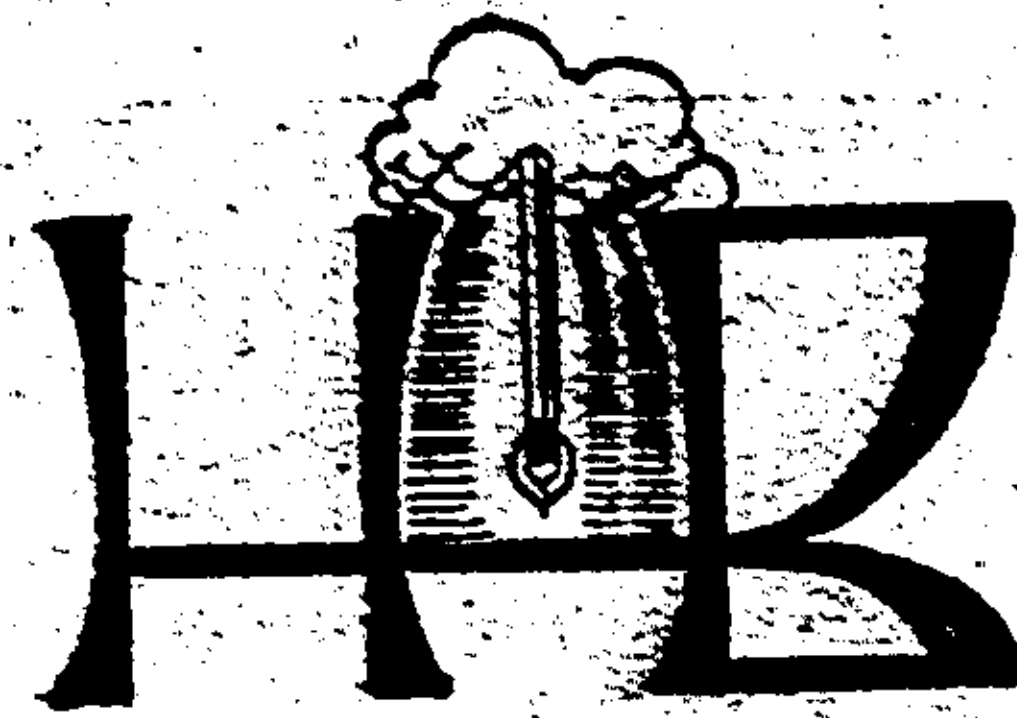
Montana, with the knowledge that he had to make up lee-way struggled gamely in the closing rounds, and it looked at one time as if Bostock would weaken, but he rallied and shook Montana with left and right hooks.

The final round was fought at a tremendous speed, each giving and taking heavy blows. Bostock, a challenger for the British flyweight championship, proved himself a heavy puncher.

FRED PERRY TO VISIT ENGLAND

Fred Perry will visit England in May for what he describes as a holiday. In a letter to a London friend Perry hints that he may stay in this country to attend the Wimbledon championships.

There is also a possibility of his playing exhibition matches. It is understood that tentative arrangements have been made for him to play in a professional tournament in London shortly before Wimbledon.



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H. D. Rumjahn, above, will make his first appearance in the Colony tennis championships on the H.K. C.C. courts to-day.

POOR TENNIS WITNESSED YESTERDAY

Matches Conclude
In Darkness

UMPIRES PICKED UP ON GROUND

A very uninteresting afternoon's tennis was witnessed at the Hong Kong C.C. yesterday by a fairly large crowd. None of the "stars" were on view and the only game on the programme that appeared at all interesting, between M. Pagh and Lu Tak-cheuk, was not played.

The best tennis of the day was seen in the only doubles encounter between Ma Nai-kwong and Li Kwan-lung, and T. G. Khoo and S. Chin, which the former pair won in two sets, each of which went to the vantage game. Hard hitting and crisp volleying made this game quite interesting to watch.

Two matches went the whole distance and were concluded in semi-darkness. The only game on Monday which went to three sets was finished under similar conditions and I feel that competitors would be advised, in their own interests, to try and make a point of starting their games earlier.

In this connection they would save a considerable amount of time if they made arrangements for umpires beforehand, instead of hoping to pick one up on the ground!

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Singles.
H. Y. Ho beat D. Nickson 6-0, 6-0.
Wong Fuk-nam beat I. M. A. Razack 6-3, 6-0, 9-7.
P. F. Tsoi beat T. C. Monaghan 6-1, 2-6.
Y. C. Lau beat Chan Sing-tao 6-2, 6-3.
Y. W. Lee was given a W.O. by Y. N. Tam.
A. Warr beat H. P. Ong 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Open Doubles.
Ma Nai-kwong and Li Kwan-lung beat T. G. Khoo and S. Chin 6-4, 6-4.
Club Championship.
G. W. Sewell beat R. L. D. Wodehouse 6-3, 10-8.

WORLD TITLE FIGHT FOR McAVOY

Jock McAvoy (Rochdale), British middle-weight champion, may visit America again in the summer to fight Freddie Steele, American champion, for the world title at Madison Square Garden, New York.

H. D. RUMJAHN PLAYING THIS AFTERNOON

Should Defeat Luk
Chun-Cheung

VETERAN STAGES COMEBACK

(By "ADREM")

The chief features of to-day's tennis programme are the appearances of H. D. Rumjahn, runner-up in the singles last year, and the commencement proper of the doubles event.

"H.D." will meet Luk Chun-cheung and is hardly likely to be seriously extended. Another interesting match is that between A. Crawford and his clubmate G. C. Burnett. The former is considered in many quarters to be a coming champion. As the result of assiduous practise during the off-season, he has advanced his game tremendously, an indication of his improvement, being consistent wins over G. Bodiker in friendly knock-ups.

That veteran of the tournaments, Ng Sze-kwong, is attempting a comeback and in partnership with Hon Luen-fang will be opposed to H. T. Bee and H. T. Hsu.

About the most interesting doubles tie will probably be the encounter between F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, of the C.R.C., and A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, the leading Recreio combination. The latter pair should just win a close game.

UNBEATABLE

The Hussain brothers, who performed with such credit for the Kowloon Indians in the "C" Division of the League, and who went through last season without sustaining a single defeat, will make their first appearance against Nickson and Bowerman, and it will be very interesting to see how they will fare.

In the Club championship, W. M. Barton should account for Dr. L. T. Ride.

TO-DAY

Open Singles.
H. D. Rumjahn v. Luk Chun-cheung; Major J. D. Milne v. Leong Ping-chiu; A. Crawford v. G. C. Burnett.

Open Doubles.
D. Nickson and Lt. Cmdr. H. G. Bowerman v. Hussain and Hussain; Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fang v. H. T. Bee and H. T. Hsu; F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios.

Club Championship.
Dr. L. T. Ride v. W. M. Barton.

Club Handicap Singles.
R. M. M. King v. J. Thomson; T. C. Monaghan v. A. C. I. Bowker; G. S. Chambers v. J. C. Pool.

TO-MORROW

Open Singles.
G. Bodiker v. F. H. Kwok.

Open Doubles.
W. N. Cheung and M. C. Hung v. F. R. Zimmermann and D. J. N. Anderson; W. M. Barton and A. C. I. Bowker v. Y. C. Lau and H. N. Lee; S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. J. W. Leonard and G. Choa; In Tak-lam and Luk Chun-cheung v. Tsui Wai-pui and Paul Kong.

Club Championship.
B. O. M. Deane v. F. A. Redmond.

Club Handicap Singles.
W. Wooding v. A. S. Read; F. A. Dunnett v. R. M. Wood; V. R. Gordon v. E. H. Williams.

FRIDAY

Open Singles.
S. W. Liang v. Ma Chin-chong; C. P. Ip v. G. Choa; Wai Chung v. S. S. Hussain.

Open Doubles.
J. C. Pool and R. M. Henry v. G. C. Burnett and A. W. Ramsay; B. O. M. Deane and J. F. Leys v. E. L. H. Shute and K. Shute; E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. A. L. Sullivan and H. Owen Hughes.

Club Championship.
E. M. Bryden v. Dr. L. T. Ride; J. T. B. Evans v. L. R. Andrews; G. E. R. Divet v. F. V. Harrison.



H. H. Hassan, above has been selected as one of three full-backs to make the trip to Macau with the Colony Interport hockey team.

WAN YAN COLLEGE SPORTS

The twelfth annual athletic sports meeting of the Wah Yan College will be held at the South China Athletic Association ground, Caroline Hill, tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m. The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall has kindly consented to give away the prizes, which will be presented about 4.30 p.m.

L.G.C. AND EXPENSES

London, February 4.—Alterations in the rules concerning travelling expenses were made at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union in London yesterday. The proposal of Mrs. Hodson, chairman of the Council, to allow the Council to reimburse members of special committees for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the attending of meetings, was carried.

DERBY'S NEW WINGER

Jeffries, the Bradford City outside-right, was transferred recently to Derby County. He joined Bradford City at the beginning of last season from Norwich.

PHILIPPINES FOOTBALL INVITATION

Turned Down By
H.K.F.A.

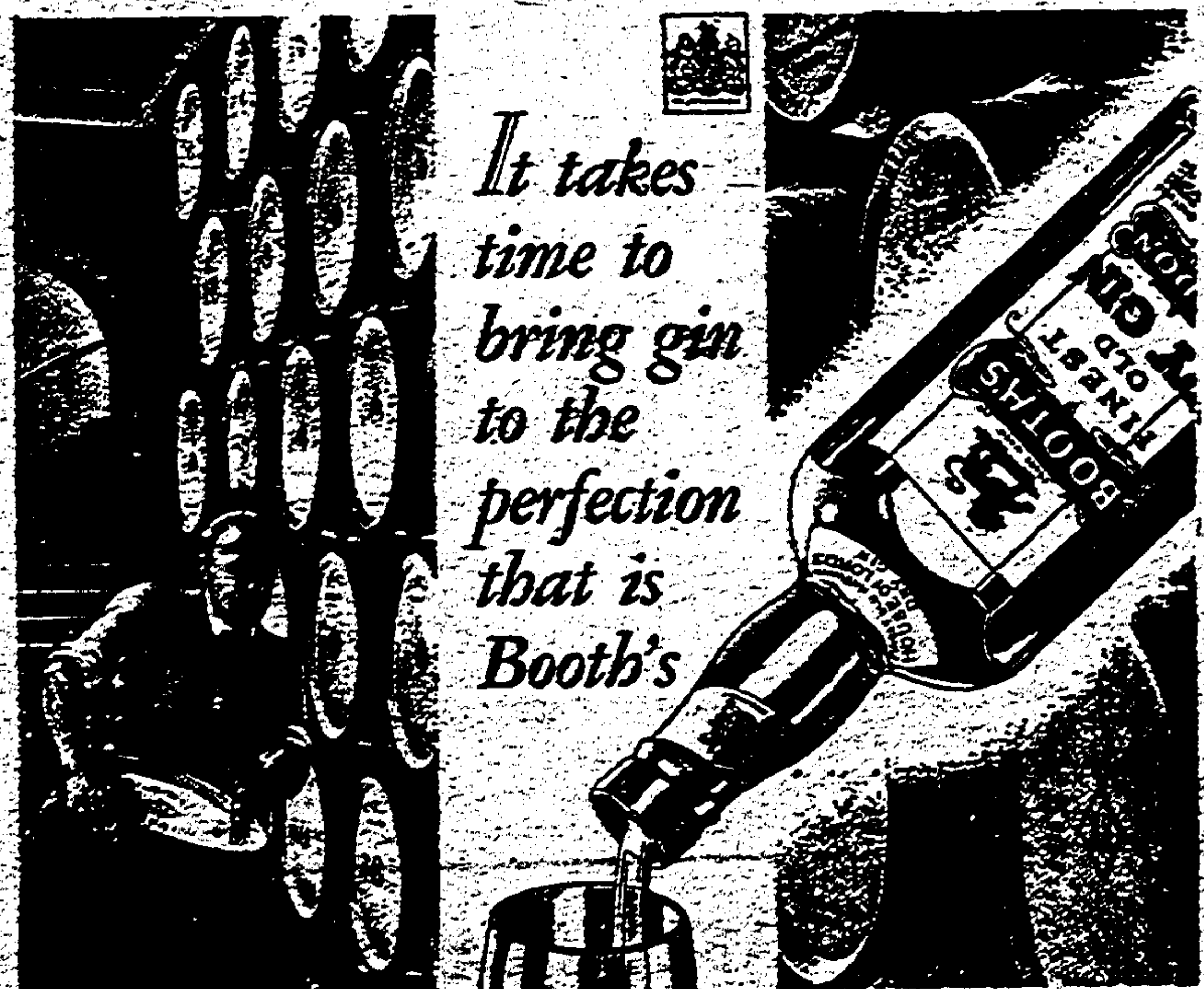
OTHER TEAMS MAY BE INVITED

Recently Mr. L. R. Ildefonso was authorised by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation to ascertain under what conditions the Hong Kong Football Association would be prepared to send their Interport team to Manila, but unfortunately the Council was approached while they were in the midst of the Interport series and the matter was left to the Management Committee, who simply turned down the whole proposition.

The Philippine Federation are apparently anxious to have a visiting team and have also invited Shanghai and South China who have both refused, the former owing to the inability of players obtaining leave once again, and the latter as they will not be able to field their best team.

The Rifles, at present leaders of the First Division, have been recommended to the Philippine Federation, and though they have not been officially invited, it is understood that the matter is under consideration.

Another team which has been written to is the Eastern Athletic Association and though nothing is yet certain, no difficulty should be encountered by them in sending a team, if invited.



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ABSENCE OF BIG RACING BOATS

(By Major B. Heckstall-Smith)

London, February 9.

The coming yachting season will be the first since 1920 when no big first-class yachts will race in British waters. The outstanding race of the year will be in America, where Mr. Sopwith will sail for the America's Cup — Endeavour v. Ranger. It is the sixteenth challenge for the trophy won by the schooner America at Cowes in 1851, and never yet recovered.

Many thought Endeavour was a good enough boat to bring back the Cup in 1934. Last year Mr. Sopwith built a second Endeavour, a larger and more powerful boat — 20 tons heavier — than Endeavour I. Both these Endeavours will leave England in the spring, and one month before the first race for the Cup, after a series of trials in America, the better of the two will be selected to race for the Cup. The Americans have three possible defenders — Mr. Harold Vanderbilt's new Ranger and the older yachts Yankee and Weetamoe.

I anticipate the result of the trials of the American yachts will be that the Ranger will be chosen for the defence. She must be selected not later than one week before the race.

CLASH WITH COWES WEEK

As in former seasons in modern times, the contest will be decided by the best out of seven races in the open Atlantic over 30-mile courses off Newport, Rhode Island.

Yachtsmen will be interested by the fact that Mr. Sopwith will have with him on board his yacht during the races Sir Ralph St. G. Gore, a racing man of reputation and experience, whose presence, if Mr. Sopwith avails himself fully of his skill, ought to be a great asset.

The Cup race in America will begin on July 31 which, somewhat unfortunately for English people who would wish to see it, is the first day



Great Britain's premier yachtsman and challenger for the America's Cup, Captain T. O. M. Sopwith, is shown above with his wife on a recent visit to Florida for a fishing holiday.

of our Cowes Week. On former occasions the America's Cup has generally been held in September.

UNIQUE ALTERATION

A notable, in fact a unique alteration has been made in the arrangement of English regattas. Usually the coastal racing season begins early in June at Harwich or on the East Coast and working round the coast with Cowes Regatta as the centre of the circuit, ends on the West Coast at Dartmouth about the last day of August.

The circuit has been reversed. The racing will begin in the west, proceed towards the centre for Cowes week, and end on the East Coast.

This experiment has been made to enable a special Coronation Regatta to be held in Torbay at a time of year when it is hoped foreign racing yachts, Scottish racing yachts, and those popular craft known as Ocean Racers, which the enterprising Royal Ocean Racing Club does so much to encourage, will be able to attend.

MANY NEW YACHTS

Camper and Nicholson, of Gosport, are building many new yachts, the largest a palatial motor-yacht of 1,600 tons for Mr. Sopwith, which will follow the two Endeavours to America. The notable racers include three new 12-metres

one for Mr. Hugh Paul, owner of Astra, one for a West of England yachtsman and another for a French owner.

Eight-metres and six-metres are building on the Clyde by Fife and Son, of Fairlie, Alfred Mylne and Co., of Port Bannatyne, and McGruer and Co., of Clynder.

ENORMOUS DROP

In the absence of the "J" Class, the largest of the international classes in England will be the 12-metres. As a "J" Class vessel is 200 tons Thames tonnage and 164 tons displacement, and a 12-metre is only 33 tons Thames tonnage and 24.5 tons displacement, the drop is enormous.

The "J" Class vessel carries about 20 paid crew or more; the 12-metre yacht only four. The gap between the two sizes is too great. The larger vessel is really a millionaire's class of yacht. The Twelve is not large enough to accommodate yachtsmen who like to sail with several guests.

MUCH NEEDED

A class of yacht for racing of about 100 tons, half-way between the two, which could be worked with about 10 paid crew, is much needed. There will be no such intermediate class next summer, but I feel sure it will come in the future.

However, the 12-metre class, which will include Evaine, Westra, Marina, Vanity V., Flica and three new English boats, will be the biggest and best of the coastal classes. Among the non-cabin classes, the 8-metres will have several recruits, and there is a distinct prospect of revival among the 6-metres.

Open boat sailing has attained such prodigious proportions that the 14-footers now number 383 in the international class, and the national 12-footers within 12 months have caused the construction of 250 new boats. The coming season, while lacking big ships in our racing classes, will be productive of more small craft sailing than any in history.

GENERAL NOTICES

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Thursday, 4th March, 1937, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for year ended 31st December, 1936.

Election of Officers and Committee.

Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that Members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

R. BALDWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th February, 1937.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRIFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 13th March, 1937 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 4th March, 1937.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th March to 23rd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3 p.m. SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1937, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 27th February, 1937 to SATURDAY, 6th March, 1937 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 15th February, 1937.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 12th March, 1937, At 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 5th March, 1937, to FRIDAY, the 12th March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 22nd March, 1937, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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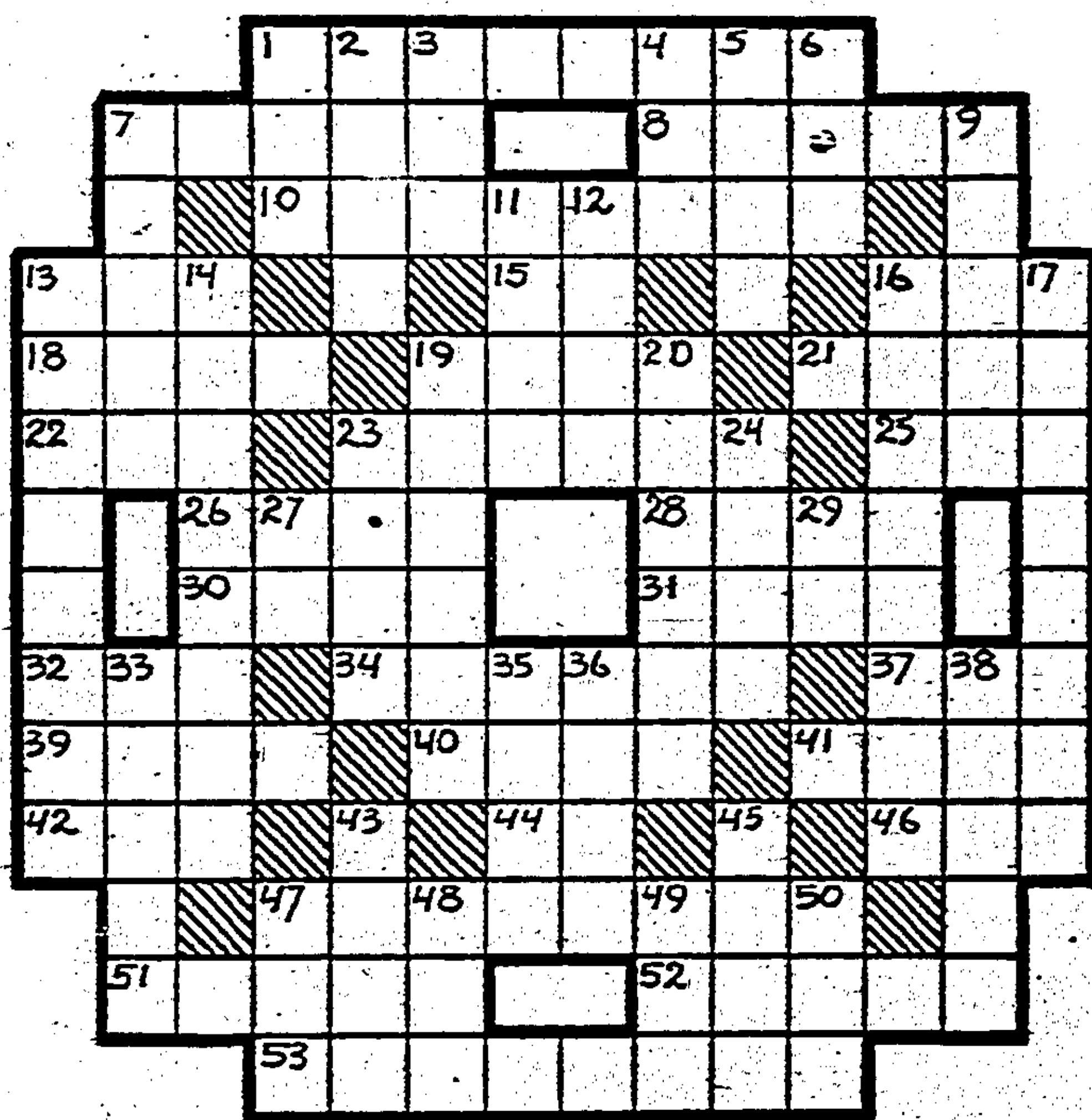
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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Restrictions
- 7—Bright, flickering light
- 8—Cracks
- 10—Odorous
- 13—Bone of the body
- 15—Mother
- 16—Appropriate
- 18—Makes a mistake
- 19—Sagacious
- 21—Nude
- 22—Consumed
- 23—Small
- 25—Ocean
- 26—Scrutinize
- 28—The Orient
- 30—Discharge
- 31—An Indian
- 32—Eagle
- 34—Gives up, as an appointment
- 37—Lace fabric
- 39—Brief letter
- 41—Length measure (pl.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41—In this place
- 42—Distress signal at sea
- 44—The (Fr.)
- 46—June-bug
- 47—A flag
- 51—Affirm
- 52—Ascend
- 53—Left

VERTICAL

- 1—Interdict
- 2—Greek god of war
- 3—Crimson
- 4—A compass point (abbr.)
- 5—Lacerated
- 6—Perched
- 7—Coquette
- 9—Steeple
- 11—Leave out
- 12—Final
- 12—Pagans

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14—Gifts
- 16—Locked
- 17—One who drives a horse-dray
- 19—A season
- 20—Chooses
- 22—Placed
- 24—Organs of hearing
- 27—Centimeter (abbr.)
- 29—A compass point (abbr.)
- 33—Imprints deeply and durably
- 35—Worm-eating mammal
- 36—Opinion
- 38—Appearing as if gnawed
- 43—Diminutive suffix
- 45—Existed
- 47—Sorrowful
- 48—Corded material
- 49—Small rug
- 50—Clear of

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Coronation Medals

H.K. GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE

An official communique issued by the Colonial Secretariat this morning states:—

Special medals to commemorate His Majesty's Coronation are being issued by the Royal Mint in silver and bronze and will be made available to purchasers through local firms at prices which will be announced later.

Specimens of the medal will also be obtainable in gold at prices of 50 guineas for the large and 12 guineas for the small medal, including a leather case.

Applicants for the gold medals should communicate direct with the Deputy Master, Royal Mint, Tower Hill, London, E.C. 3, enclosing a draft for the cost of the medal required.

The medals so ordered will be forwarded to purchasers through the Hong Kong Government.

SIR ERIC MIEVILLE'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Formerly In Peiping Embassy

London, To-day.

Sir Eric Mievill, secretary to the King when His Majesty was Duke of York, has been appointed one of his three assistant private secretaries.

The appointment was announced included in a list of new appointments to the King's household and published in the "Gazette."

Sir Eric's appointment follows the retirement of Sir Godfrey Thomas.

Sir Eric Mievill was in the Far East for eight years. He was a student interpreter in Peiping in 1919 and private secretary to various British Ministers from 1920 to 1927.

Since then he has been secretary to the Governor-General of Canada, the Viceroy of India and the Executive Council in India.—Reuter.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

A long list of appointments to the King's Household, was gazetted last night.

Among the principal are following:

Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Cromer;

Lord Steward, Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry;

Master of the Horse, Duke of Beaufort;

Treasurer of Household, Sir George Penny;

Comptroller of the Household, Sir Lambert Ward;

Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, Sir George Davies;

Private Secretary, Major Alexander Hardinge;

Assistant Private Secretaries, Mr. F. H. Mitchell, Mr. A. F. Lascelles and Sir Eric Mievill; Keeper of the King's Archives, Lord Wigram;

Keeper of Privy Purse, Major Ulick Alexander;

Financial Secretary to the King, Mr. F. P. Robinson;

High Almoner, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Prebendary Percival is appointed Preceptor of the Chapels Royal.

While under the heading of the Medical Household there are 35 appointments headed by Lord Dawson of Penn, Lord Horder, Sir John

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TWO BALLS END THE FIFTH TEST

VOCE CAUGHT OFF THE FIRST AND FARNES OFF THE SECOND

SCORE-BOARD

Australia: 604.

England.—1st Innings, 239.

Second Innings

C. J. Barnett, lb.w., O'Reilly	41
T. S. Worthington, c Bradman, b McCormick	6
J. Hardstaff, b Nash	1
W. R. Hammond, c Bradman, b O'Reilly	56
M. Leyland, c McCormick, b F. Smith	28
R. E. S. Wyatt, run out	9
L. E. G. Ames, c McCabe, b McCormick	11
G. O. B. Allen, c Nash, b O'Reilly	7
H. Verity, not out	2
W. Voce, c Badcock, b F. Smith	1
K. Farnes, c Nash, b F. Smith	0
Extras	3
Total	165

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McCormick	9	0	33	2
Nash	7	1	34	1
O'Reilly	19	6	58	3
McCabe	1	0	1	0
Fleetwood-Smith	13.2	3	36	3

—Reuter.

Economic Bloc In The Making

Amsterdam, To-day.

Possible formation of yet another economic bloc in Europe looms as the six-power conference called by the Netherlands has been announced for March 3 at The Hague.

Participating in the talks will be Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and Luxembourg, and they will discuss the possibilities of expansion of international trade by modification of existing customs tariffs.

The chief problem confronting Denmark is to find new outlets for its exports of agricultural produce.

It is announced in Amsterdam that all other countries can co-operate in the conference either now or later.—Trans-Ocean.

GIRL'S DEATH

Father Charged With Manslaughter

Chan Chun, a bricklayer, was charged with manslaughter this morning.

He is the father of the 15-year-old girl who was found dead in Electric Lane yesterday morning. The postmortem revealed a fractured skull and intercranial hemorrhage.

The allegation is that the father, punishing the girl, struck the blow which caused the injuries.

Mr. Schofield, who took the case at the Central Magistracy, granted a remand for a week, on police application.

Weir and Sir Maurice Cassidy.

The Earl of Athlone is to be Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle. Mr. John Massfield continues to be Poet Laureate.—British

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Melbourne, To-day.

England went down to ignominious defeat in the fifth Test Match this morning by an innings and 200 runs.

The first two balls from Fleetwood-Smith sufficed to finish off the second innings, the last two wickets adding nothing to the score.

This is the only occasion in the history of Test cricket that a side has won the Rubber after losing the first two matches.

Attracted by the offer of free admittance, a crowd of 10,000 saw the sudden end of the match in cool and sunny weather.

Fleetwood-Smith's first ball saw Voce caught by Badcock at long-on, and Farnes was caught off his next delivery by Nash at deep mid-on, the innings closing with no addition to the overnight score of 165.

ATTEMPT ON VARSITY HEAD

Drastic Reply In Rumania

Bucharest, To-day.

One of a series of drastic steps decided upon by the Cabinet to keep students from participating in politics is the temporary closing of all universities and student centres in Rumania.

Students, who are mostly members of the Fascist Iron Guard, which is also an anti-Semitic organisation, are also forbidden to wear party uniforms.

All masonic lodges and other secret societies are to be closed.

Three students unsuccessfully attempted to assassinate the Rector of the University of Burcharest yesterday.—Reuter.

DEEP WATER COURSE ACCIDENT

Chan Muk, unemployed, was admitted to the G.C.H. suffering from injuries to the head and foot sustained when he fell down the hillside near the Deep Water Golf Course. He was seen by some of the Club boys digging up the fairway for disused cables and was chased. He ran up the hillside and after a short distance fell and rolled down into the trench he had himself dug.

UNMUZZLED DOG

Mr. A. K. Mackenzie was this morning summoned before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy for allowing his chow dog abroad without muzzle or lead on Stubbs Road on February 13 but the summons was dismissed when the defendant told his Worship that he did not have a chow dog.

The Indian constable in evidence said he followed the dog into the defendant's house and took the name from the letter box.

Dr. Hafez Afifi Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador-designate to the Court of St. James, arrived in London last evening.—British Wireless.

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Nanking, To-day.

General Yu Fei-teng, political Vice-Minister of Communications, has been appointed Minister in succession to Mr. Ku Meng-yu.

General Chang Chun has been appointed Secretary-General of the C.P.C. and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Tseng Chun-min, Mr. Wang Ching-wei's secretary, has been appointed deputy Secretary-General of the Central Political Council.—Reuter.

GERMAN COUPLE MARRIED

Rev. H. Lange And Miss Solbrig

Two German families were united this morning, when the marriage of Reverend Hellmut Lange, son of Mr. Emil Lange attached to the Basel Mission, and Miss Elizabeth Solbrig, the daughter of Deacon Johannes Solbrig, took place at the Registry, Mr. John P. Murphy, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating.

Messrs. Hans Meier and W. Sporer were witnesses to the ceremony.

YOUNG MARSHAL'S ARMY

Destined For Honan Not Kansu

Shanghai, To-day.

It is confirmed that Chang Hsueh-liang's army will be withdrawn from Shensi to Honan and Anhwei, instead of to Kansu.

Hsuehchow and other points along the Peiping-Hankow Railway are being prepared for their reception. Units of the Army already in Kansu will also be transferred.—Reuter.

NEW BRANCH RAILWAY?

Mr. Ling Hung-fan, Director of the Canton-Hankow Railway, has gone to Kwangsi to see General Li Chung-jen, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangsi, to discuss the construction of a branch-line of the Railway between the two provinces of Hunan and Kwangsi.

As the result of being hit by a piece of flying metal from a dynamo driving wheel which broke while he was working, Chan Wai, a shipbuilder, employed at the Kowloon Docks, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from severe face injury.

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